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GRADES OF RELICS

AS THE GRADES OF MANY RELICS CHANGE WITH THE TIMES AND ASSESSMENT STANDARDS VARY WIDELY, ONLY A SELECTION IS PRESENTED HERE.

GRADE-4 RELICS

THESE RELICS ARE REGARDED AS INSIGNIFICANT OR ARE OF UNCERTAIN VALUE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SUBSTITUTE THEM FOR EXISTING TOOLS.

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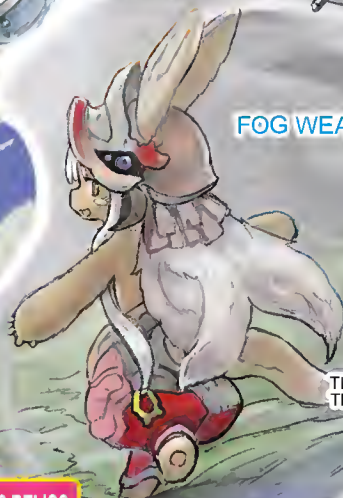
SUN SPHERE



SCALED UMBRELLA



FOG WEAVE



PRINCESS BOSOM



GRADE-3 RELICS

THESE RELICS ARE EXTREMELY VALUABLE OR USEFUL. THEY CAN HELP WITH CAVE RAIDING.

GRADE-2 RELICS

THESE RELICS INTRODUCE ENTIRELY NEW CONCEPTS AND CAN CHANGE PEOPLE'S WAY OF LIFE. IN ADDITION, THEY ARE VERY USEFUL WHEN CAVE RAIDING.

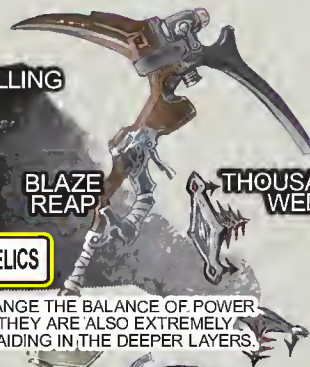
WHITE WHISTLE



CURSE-REPELLING VESSEL



BLAZE REAP



THOUSAND-MEN WEDGES

GRADE-1 RELICS

THESE RELICS CAN CHANGE THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN COUNTRIES. THEY ARE ALSO EXTREMELY USEFUL WHEN CAVE RAIDING IN THE DEEPER LAYERS.

SPECIAL-GRADE RELICS

THESE RELICS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO GRANT THE POWER TO CHANGE MANY COUNTRIES--OR EVEN THE WORLD.

UNHEARD BELL



SUPREME TREASURES OF THE NETHERWORLD (AUBADES)

THIS IS NOT AN OFFICIAL GRADE. THE CLASSIFICATION SPANG FROM THE RUMOR THAT THINGS THAT THREATEN THE VALUE OF THE ABYSS ARE KEPT SECRET OR DESTROYED RATHER THAN BEING AUCTIONED OFF.





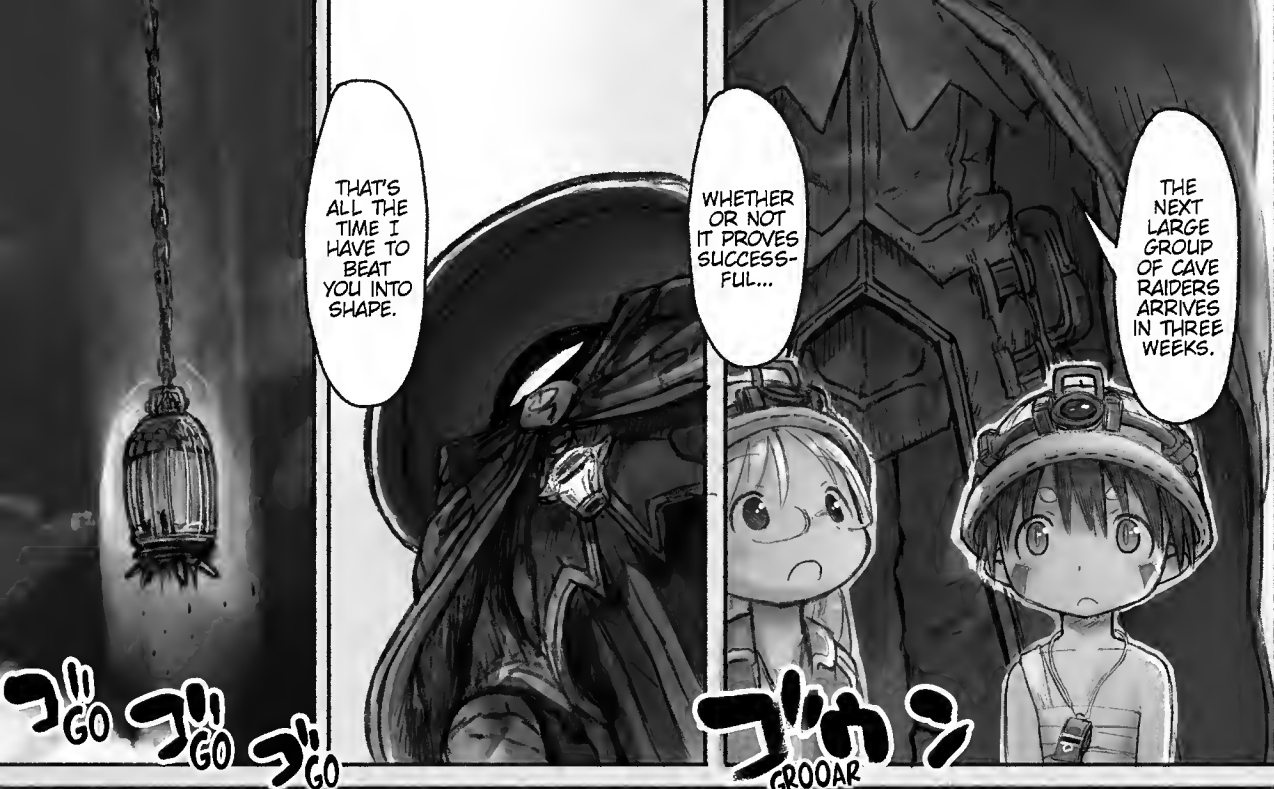
MADE IN ABYSS

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story & art
AKIHITO TSUKUSHI







THAT'S
ALL THE
TIME I
HAVE TO
BEAT
YOU INTO
SHAPE.

WHETHER
OR NOT
IT PROVES
SUCCESS-
FUL...

THE
NEXT
LARGE
GROUP
OF CAVE
RAIDERS
ARRIVES
IN THREE
WEEKS.

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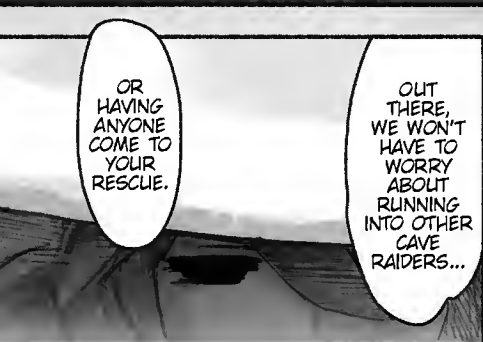
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HELLO ABYSS

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SURVIVAL
TRAINING



OR
HAVING
ANYONE
COME TO
YOUR
RESCUE.

OUT
THERE,
WE WON'T
HAVE TO
WORRY
ABOUT
RUNNING
INTO OTHER
CAVE
RAIDERS...



SO
IT'S
IDEAL
FOR
TRAINING,
YOU
SEE.



TO THE
OUTER
EDGE OF
THE
ABYSS,
SO TO
SPEAK.

SOME-
WHERE
BEYOND
THE
SEEKER
CAMP.

The Depths'
Second Layer

Seeker
Camp

The Depths'
Third Layer

Route via
the Camp



WHERE
ARE WE
HEADED?

OZEN,
IT SEEMS
LIKE WE'RE
GETTING
FARTHER
AWAY
FROM THE
ABYSS' VERTICAL
SHAFT...



EVEN
SO, THEY
CAN SEE
IN THE
DARK,
SO KEEP
YOUR
GUARD
UP.

MOST
OF THE
CREA-
TURES
IN THE
AREA
ARE
QUIET
AND
PAS-
SIVE.

PER-
HAPS
BECAUSE
THE
FORCE
FIELD'S
LIGHT
DOESN'T
REACH
HERE...



BE SURE
YOU DON'T
GO BEYOND
THAT PILLAR
TREE. I'LL
CONSIDER
THAT AS
TRYING TO
ESCAPE.

ONE
OTHER
THING
...

YOUR FIRST
ASSIGNMENT
IS "SURVIVAL
TRAINING."
SHOW ME YOU
CAN STAY ALIVE
FOR TEN DAYS
HERE WITH
NOTHING
BUT THE
EQUIPMENT
YOU'VE
GOT.

WELL
THEN,
I'M
HEADING
BACK
NOW.



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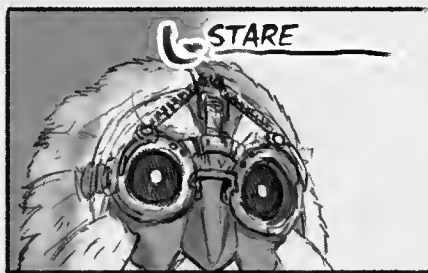
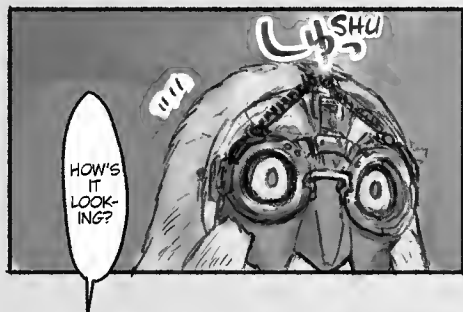
NOW,
DO YOUR
BEST TO
PROTECT
THAT GIRL
SO THAT
SHE
DOESN'T
RETURN TO
BEING A
CORPSE.

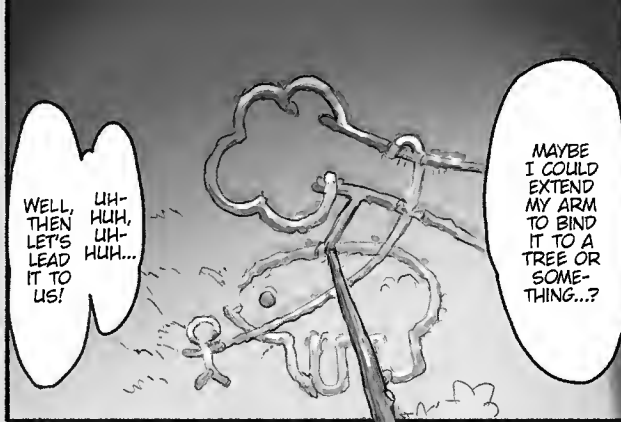
I'LL BE
CHECK-
ING UP
ON YOU
FROM
TIME
TO
TIME.



Huh?!

—Day 3—

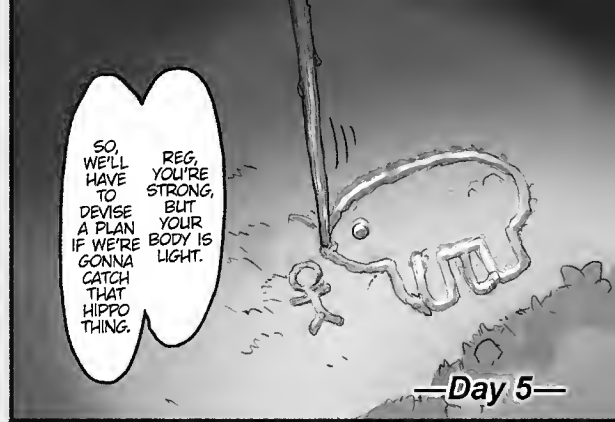




WELL, THEN, LET'S LEAD IT TO US!

UH-HUH, UH-HUH...

MAYBE I COULD EXTEND MY ARM TO BIND IT TO A TREE OR SOMETHING...?



SO, WE'LL HAVE TO DEVISE A PLAN IF WE'RE GONNA CATCH THAT HIPPO THING.

REG, YOU'RE STRONG, BUT YOUR BODY IS LIGHT.

—Day 5—

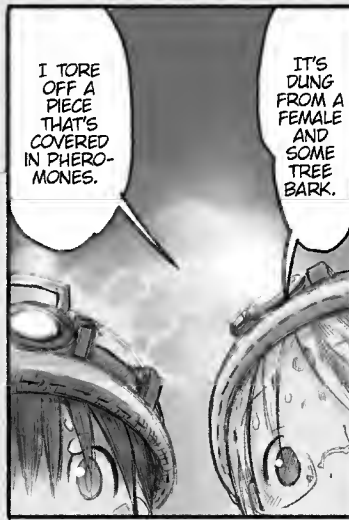


HMM...

YOU THINK IT'LL WORK?

HOW'S THAT SOUND?

ONCE IT GETS CLOSE TO YOU REG, I'LL BLIND IT WITH OUR GLOW-STONES.



I TORE OFF A PIECE THAT'S COVERED IN PHEROMONES.

IT'S DUNG FROM A FEMALE AND SOME TREE BARK.

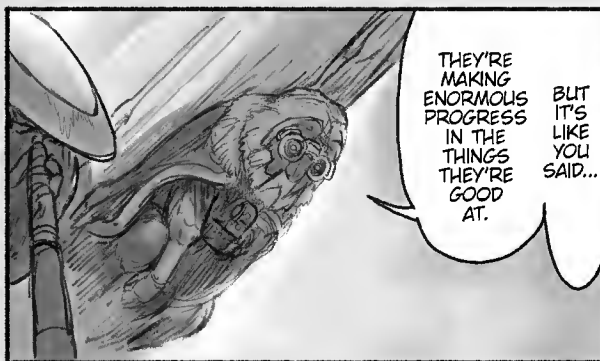


WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?

WE'LL USE THIS!

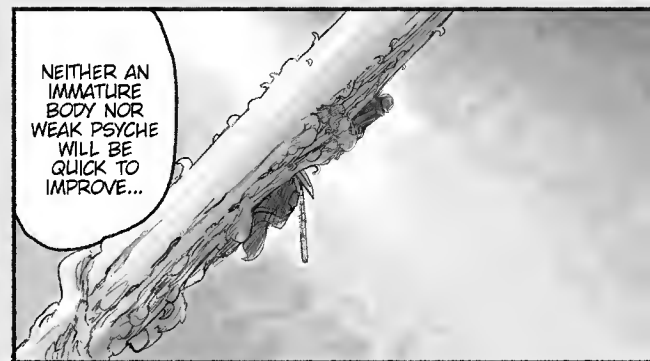
TA-DAA!

IT STINKS...

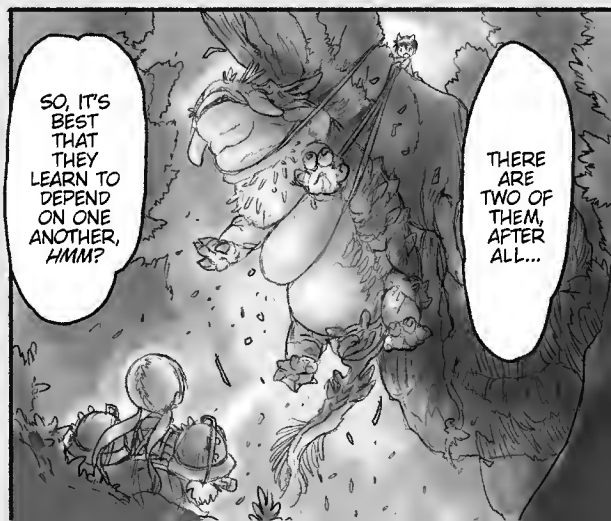


THEY'RE MAKING ENORMOUS PROGRESS IN THE THINGS THEY'RE GOOD AT.

BUT IT'S LIKE YOU SAID...



NEITHER AN IMMATURE BODY NOR WEAK PSYCHE WILL BE QUICK TO IMPROVE...



SO, IT'S BEST THAT THEY LEARN TO DEPEND ON ONE ANOTHER, HMM?

THERE ARE TWO OF THEM, AFTER ALL...



IT FEELS LIKE AGES SINCE WE WERE LAST HERE.

SOMEHOW...



ANY FARTHER OUT THAN THE SEEKER CAMP AND IT'S ALMOST TOTALLY DARK...

PERSONALLY, I STARTED CRYING RIGHT AWAY.

AND MASTER LEFT AND WENT HOME BY HERSELF SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY.



BOTH OF YOU ARE QUITE AMAZING.



GOOD JOB MAKING IT THROUGH THE SURVIVAL TRAINING.

IT'S REALLY ONLY BEEN TEN DAYS, THOUGH.



ABSOLUTELY.

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KYAA!

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KYAA!

REALLY?

MUMBLE...

SNORE



I WAS FEELING SO HOPELESS.

YOU KNOW, EVEN I... NEAR THE END, WHEN I GOT SEPARATED FROM RIKO...

MARUK...



チーン
CHINEE

ZZZ





ONE'S
SENSE
OF TIME
GOES
MAD.



WHAT
DOES IT
MEAN?

?



THERE'S
AN OLD
SAYING
LIKE
THAT,
YOU
SEE.

"DON'T
STAY
IN THE
DEEP
LAYERS
UNLESS
YOU
WANT
TO KILL
THOSE
WHO
ARE
WAITING
FOR YOU."



WELL,
ONLY
THOSE WITH
STRANGE
TASTES--
BASICALLY
JUST US
WHITE
WHISTLES--
WOULD TRY
LIVING IN
THE DEEP
LAYERS.

IT'S NO
RUMOR.
I'M
TELLING
YOU
FLAT OUT.

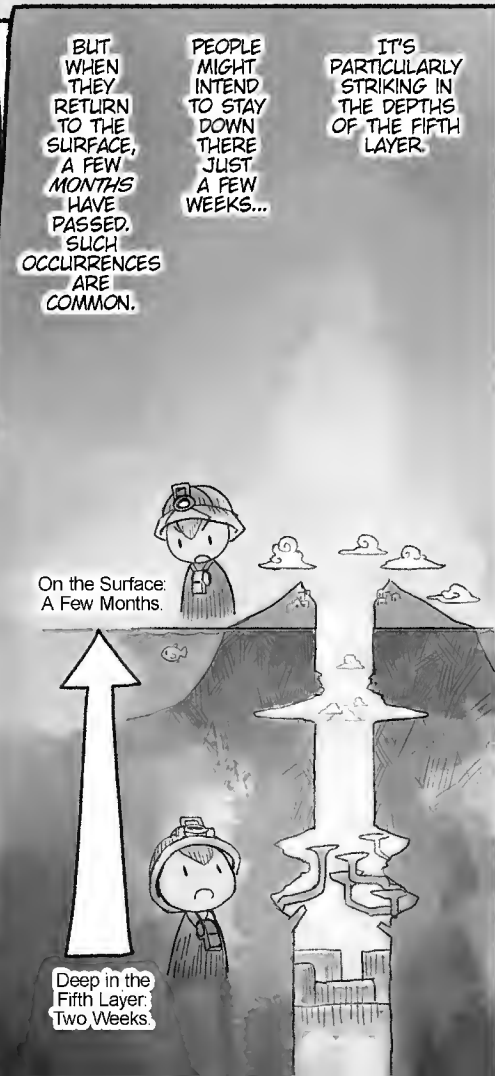


SO
THAT
RUMOR...
IS
TRUE
THEN!



ABOUT
HOW IF YOU
STAY THERE
A REALLY
LONG TIME
THE PEOPLE
WAITING FOR
YOU WILL
PROBABLY DIE...
IT'S AN
EXAGGERA-
TION BASED
ON THIS,
YOU KNOW.

THAT
OLD
SAYING
I MENTIONED...



BUT
WHEN
THEY
RETURN
TO THE
SURFACE,
A FEW
MONTHS
HAVE
PASSED.
SUCH
OCCURRENCES
ARE
COMMON.

PEOPLE
MIGHT
INTEND
TO STAY
DOWN
THERE
JUST
A FEW
WEEKS...

IT'S
PARTICULARLY
STRIKING
IN THE
DEPTHS
OF THE FIFTH
LAYER.

On the Surface:
A Few Months.

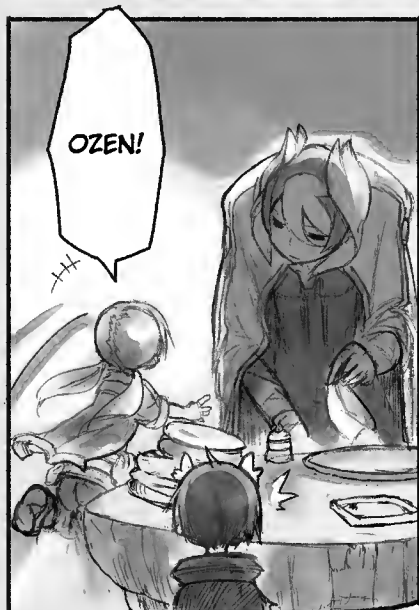


Deep in the
Fifth Layer:
Two Weeks.



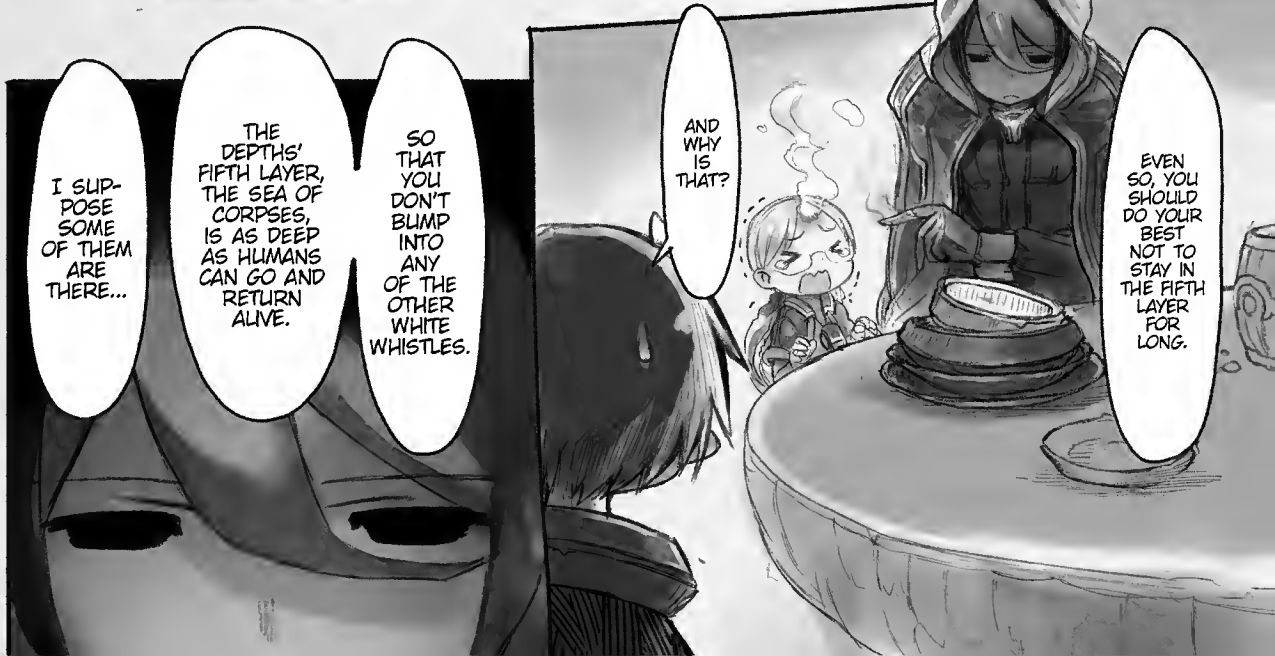
YOU PROBABLY THINK THIS DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU, SINCE YOU DON'T PLAN ON RETURNING.

BUT THE POINT IS...



BUT IF WE ASSUME THAT ONLY A FEW YEARS HAVE PASSED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NETHER-WORLD...

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS ON THE SURFACE...



I SUPPOSE SOME OF THEM ARE THERE...

SO THAT YOU DON'T BUMP INTO ANY OF THE OTHER WHITE WHISTLES.

AND WHY IS THAT?

EVEN SO, YOU SHOULD DO YOUR BEST NOT TO STAY IN THE FIFTH LAYER FOR LONG.

"THE SOVEREIGN
OF DAWN"...

BONDREWD
THE NOVEL.

THOSE WHO ARE
DOWN IN THE
ABYSS RIGHT
NOW ARE...

"THE SOVEREIGN
OF GUIDANCE"...

WAKUNA
THE CHOSEN.

"THE SOVEREIGN
OF MYSTERY"...

SRAJO
THE MYSTERIOUS.

IS
THAT...
A
JOKE?

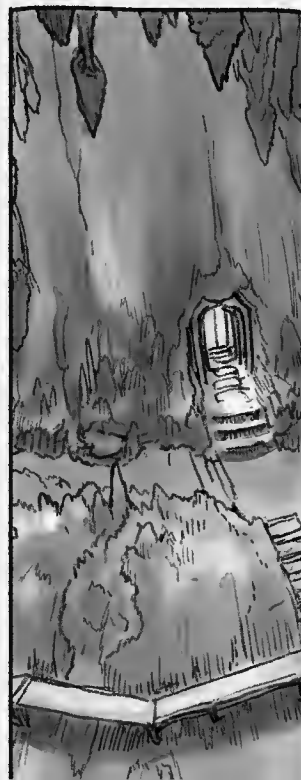
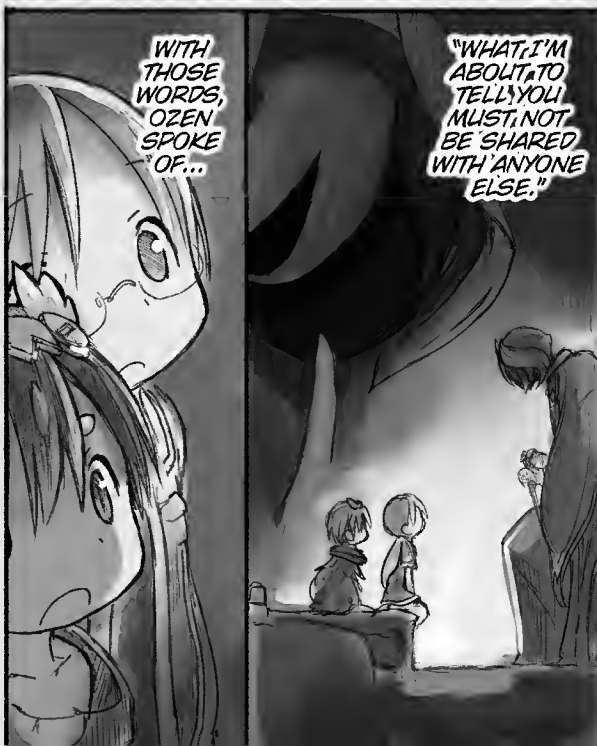
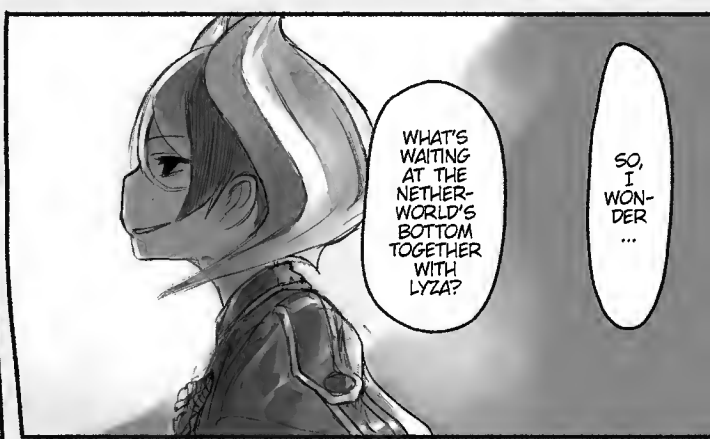
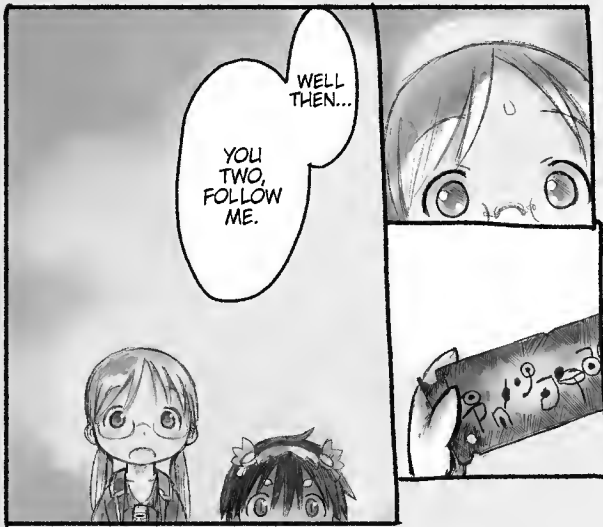
HE'S
NOT KIND
LIKE I AM,
SO YOU
BETTER BE
CAREFUL.

AMONG
THEM...
BONDREWD
IN PARTI-
CULAR IS AN
OUT-AND-OUT
SCOUNDREL.

THE
SLIP
IN THE
SEALED
LETTER
THAT SAID,
"AT THE
NETHER-
WORLD'S
BOTTOM, I'LL
BE WAITING"...
I WONDER
WHO
WROTE
THAT.

SPEAKING
OF LYZA,
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
I'M
CURIOUS
ABOUT.

AH,
THAT
RE-
MINDS
ME.



PERHAPS, THOSE
ARE THE VERY
DEEPEST VOICES
OF THE ABYSS
PEOPLE ARE
CAPABLE OF
BRINGING TO US...

WHICH ARE
PASSED DOWN
VIA WORD OF
MOUTH BY
NONE BUT
THEMSELVES.

THE SECRETS
TRANSMITTED
FROM THE LAST
DIVES OF
GENERATIONS
OF WHITE
WHISTLES...



AND ABOUT
THE CREATURES
THAT LIVE ALONG
THE PATH TO THE
BOTTOM OF THE
NETHERWORLD...

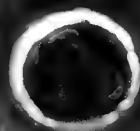
ABOUT
HOW A WHITE
WHISTLE'S
TIMBRE ACTS
AS A KEY
TO ACTIVATE
A CERTAIN
CLASS OF
RELICS...



WE HEARD
ABOUT THE
CRYPTIC DEVICE
USED TO
TRAVERSE
THE FIFTH
LAYER'S
"SEA"...

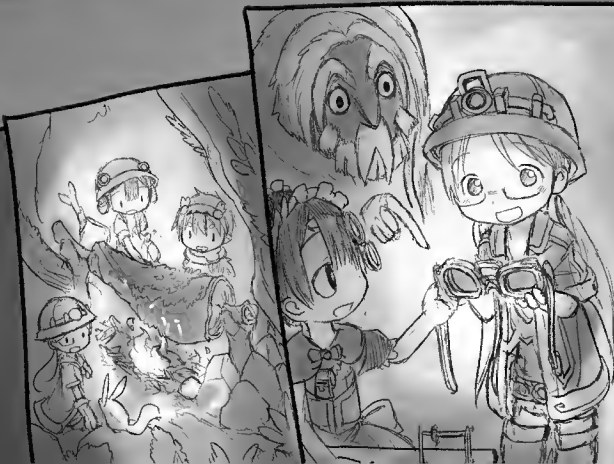
CALLED
"GATEKEEPERS,"
THEY ARE
APPARENTLY
SHROUDED IN
MYSTERY.

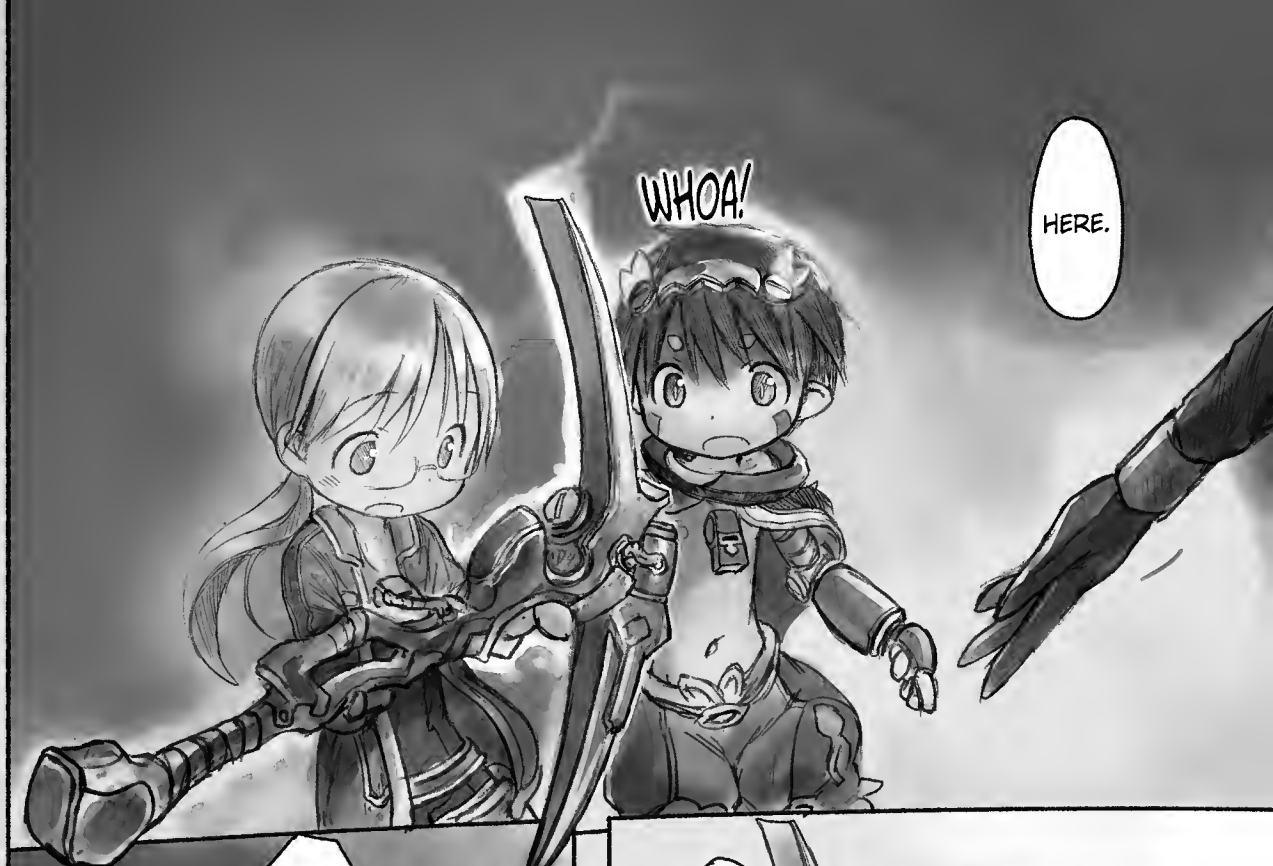
ABOUT THE
MYSTERIOUS
RING OF THE
SEVENTH LAYER
THAT ONLY A
FEW WHITE
WHISTLES
ARE SAID TO
HAVE SEEN...



FROM
START TO
FINISH, THE
MONSTER
SITTING
BEFORE
US HELD
NOTHING
BACK.

WHEN
OZEN SAID
SHE HATES
DECEIVING
CHILDREN WITH
SILLY TRICKS,
SHE WAS
TELLING THE
TRUTH.





WHOA!

HERE.



"BLAZE
READY,"
THE
EVER-
LASTING
PICKAX!



THIS
IS
...?

?



IT WAS
STUCK
IN THE
GROUND
THERE
LIKE A
GRAVE
MARKER.

YOU
KNOW
THAT
CLUSTER
OF
ETERNAL
FORTUNES
I TOLD
YOU
ABOUT?



THOUGH,
IT'S
ACTUALLY
MEANT
TO BE
A TOOL
FOR
CAVE
RAIDING
...

IT'S A
WEAPON
WITH
WHICH
LYZA THE
ANNIHILATOR
SPILLED
MUCH
BLOOD.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

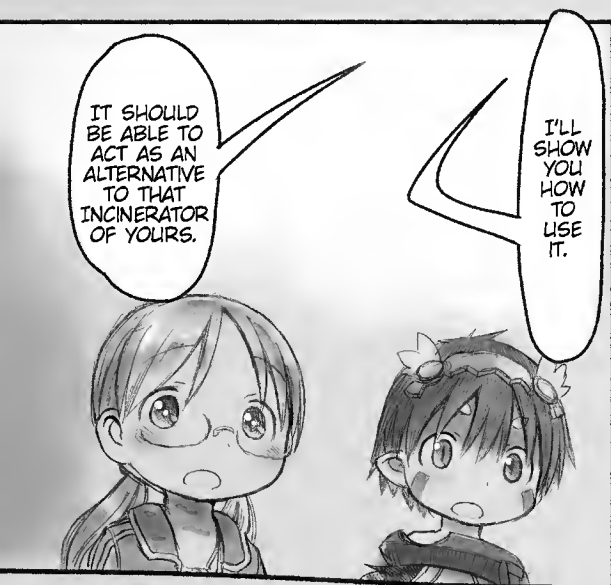


THE
EVER-
LASTING
GUN-
POWDER
INSIDE
IT--
CALLED
PEACE-
PHOBIA--
WORKS
FINE,
BUT THE
OLTER
CASING'S
IN BAD
SHAPE.

IT
CAN
ONLY
BE
USED
A FEW
MORE
TIMES
AT
BEST.

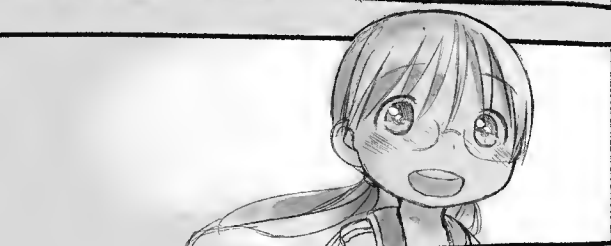


A
RELIC...
OF
MOTH-
ER'S...



IT SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
ACT AS AN
ALTERNATIVE
TO THAT
INCINERATOR
OF YOURS.

I'LL
SHOW
YOU
HOW
TO
USE
IT.



EVEN
SHE
LOOKS
CONFUSED
THIS
TIME...



WELL,
IT'S A
PIECE OF
JUNK
THAT
OCCASION-
ALLY
MISFIRED
EVEN
BACK
THEN.

WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
LYZA HERE,
SO I BET
SHE'S
ALREADY
FOUND
A NEW
WEAPON.



I COULDN'T POSSIBLY TAKE ANYTHING MORE FROM HER.

THAT'S WHY...



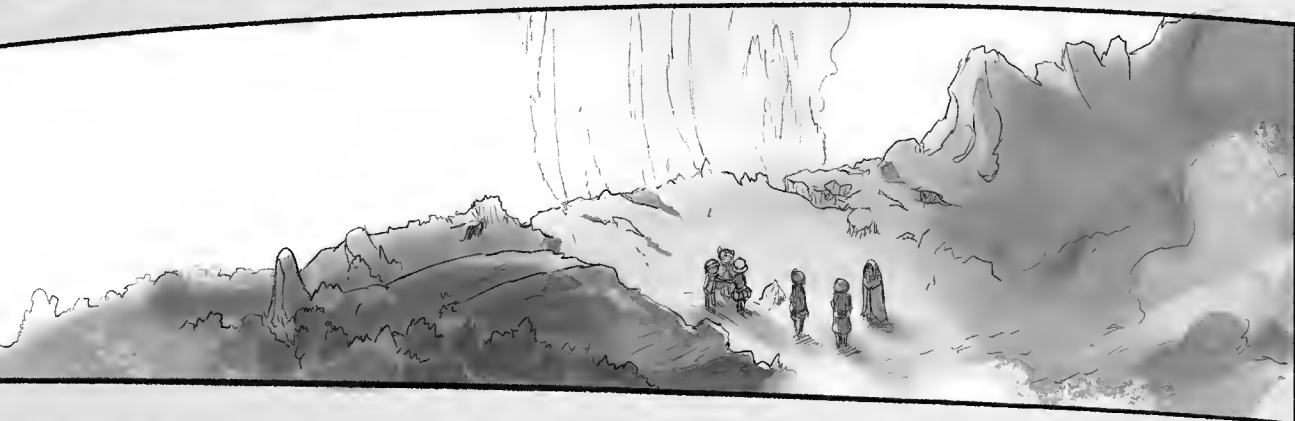
THAT OZEN STILL HAD WITH HER.

THIS BLAZE REAP... IS PROBABLY THE LAST MEMENTO OF MY MOTHER...



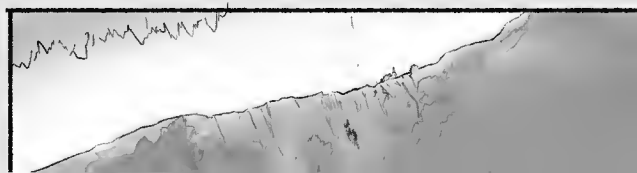
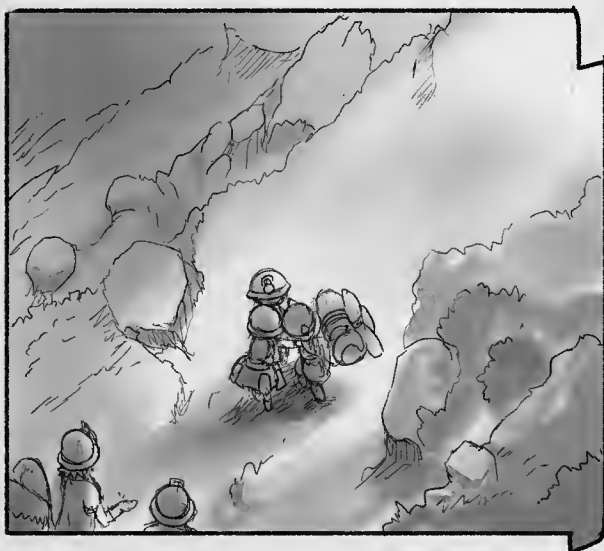
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WHAT'S THIS? YOU'RE JUST TOO CUTE.



TAKE CARE.

BYE... MARULK.

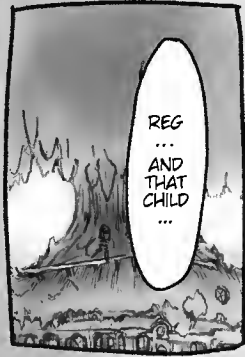




AS
EXPECTED,
THEY
WERE
QUICK
TO PICK
UP ON
CAVE-
RAIDING
TECH-
NIQUES.



REG
...
AND
THAT
CHILD
...



RIGHT,
LYZA?



WELL,
NOTHING
I CAN
DO
ABOUT
IT.

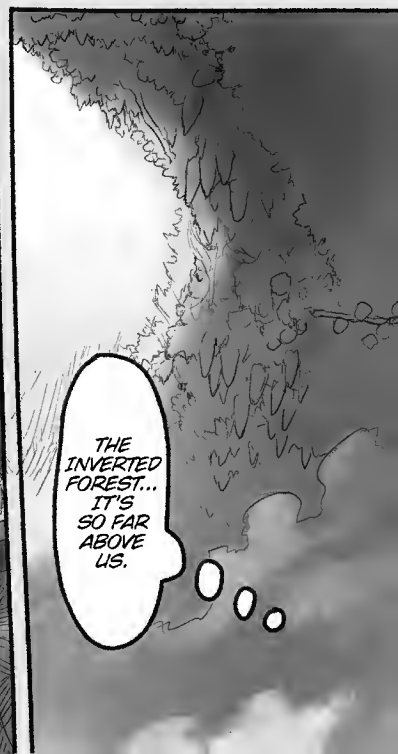
HOW
VERY
IRRE-
DEEM-
ABLE.

GOOD
GRIEF,
HOW
IRRE-
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ABLE...

UNTIL
MORE
MEMORIES
CAME
BACK.

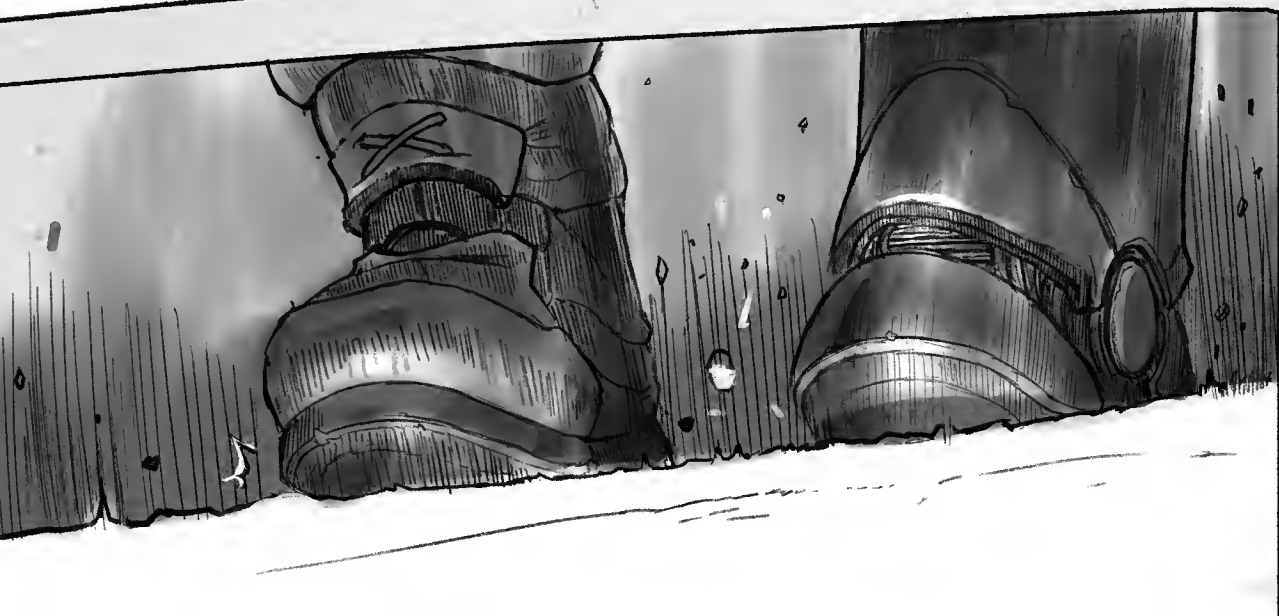
AL-
THOUGH,
I DIDN'T
WANT
TO LET
THEM
GO...





The Depths'
Second Layer
End Point

Heaven's
Waterfall





The Depths'
Third Layer

The
Great Fault



OTTOBAS



THIS LARGE AQUATIC ANIMAL LIVES IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE INVERTED FOREST, LOCATED IN THE LOWER REACHES OF THE DEPTHS' SECOND LAYER.

THEY HAVE MIRACULOUSLY BECOME ESTABLISHED IN THE ABYSS DESPITE BEING A NON-NATIVE SPECIES THAT WAS BROUGHT FROM OVERSEAS. IN THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, THEY WERE CONSIDERED KINGS OF THE JUNGLE'S WATERFRONT AREAS.

HOWEVER, AS THEY WERE UNABLE TO RIVAL THE PREDATORS THAT DOMINATE THE AREA SURROUNDING THE ABYSS' VERTICAL SHAFT, THEY WERE DRIVEN TO THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE INVERTED FOREST WHERE THE FORCE FIELD IS EXTREMELY WEAK.



THEIR IMPOSING APPEARANCE HELPED THEM BLEND INTO THEIR NATIVE HABITAT TO SOME DEGREE.

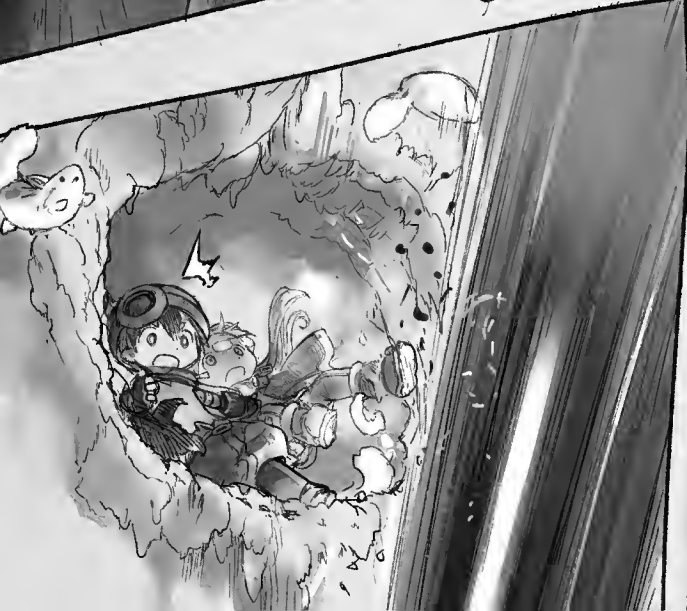
ALTHOUGH THEY WERE DRIVEN FROM THE CENTRAL SHAFT, THEY HAVE ADAPTED TO GROW MUCH BIGGER THAN THE ONES FOUND IN THEIR ORIGINAL LOCALE. FURTHERMORE, THEY CAN SWALLOW SOMETHING THE SIZE OF A HUMAN IN ONE GULP (THEY'RE OMNIVOROUS). TAKE CARE TO NOT INADVERTENTLY APPROACH ONE.

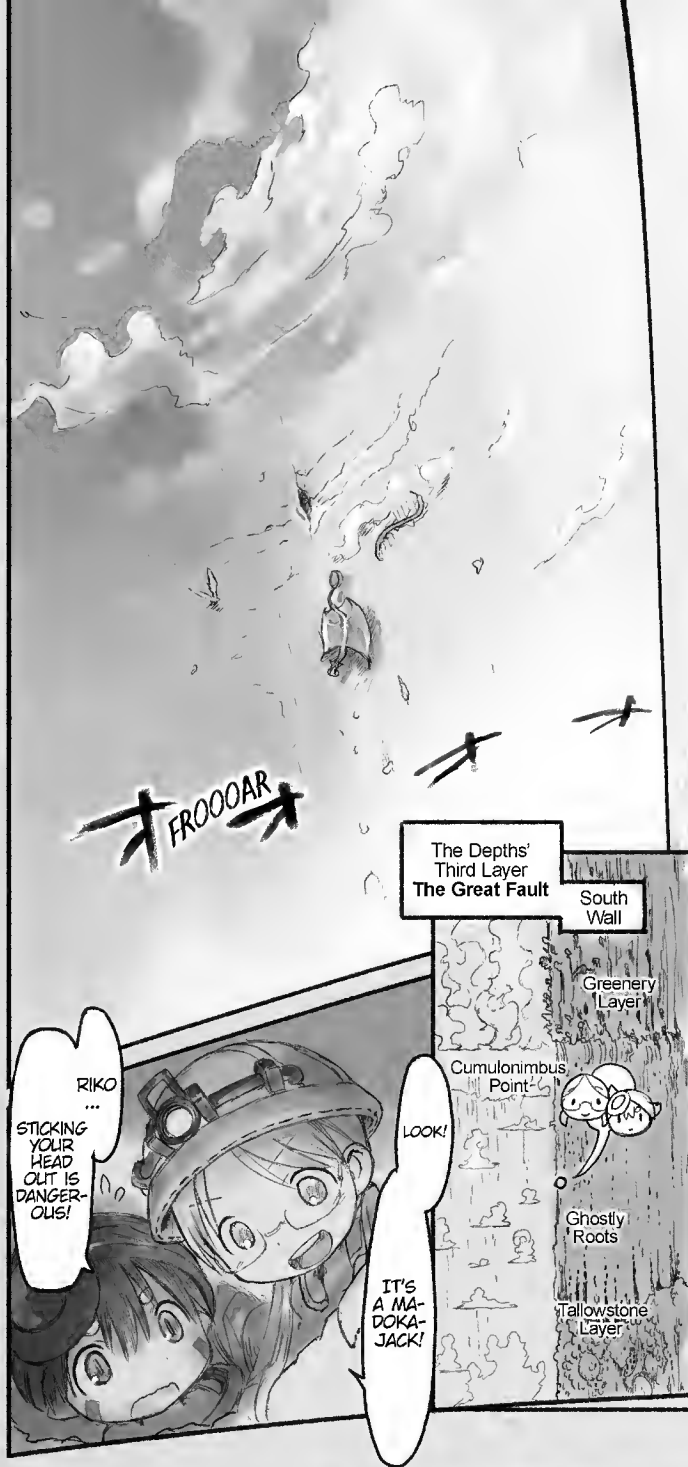
THEY HAVE A THICK LAYER OF FAT AND SKIN, SO THEY ARE GENERALLY NOT FIT FOR CONSUMPTION. HOWEVER, IF THE MEANS TO PROPERLY BUTCHER AND PREPARE ONE ARE AVAILABLE, THEIR MEAT IS DELICIOUS AND A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL CAN PROVIDE AROUND TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE WITH A GOOD MEAL.



MARULK, THE SEEKER CAMP'S LOOKOUT, SAYS, "THE MEAT UNDER THEIR BUMPS IS MY FAVORITE."

DANGER LEVEL: ★★ ★ (SERIOUS)





WHAT
WAS
THAT...?

.....

?!
?

REG!

I'M
COMING
NOW.

THAT
SOUND...
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
IT
BOTH-
ERS
ME.

REG!
WE
DID
IT!

THIS
DEN
EXTENDS
WAY,
WAY
DOWN!

Haha! TRUE.

Haha!

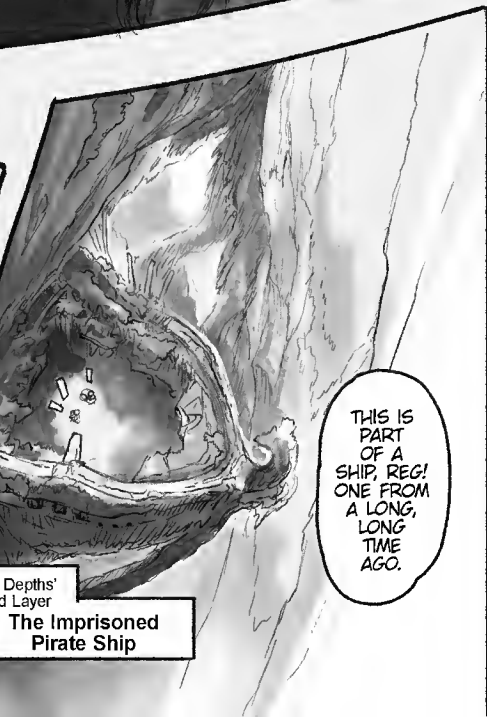
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BUT WE
TOTALLY
TRASHED
THEIR DEN.

Haha!
WE'VE
DESCENDED
QUITE
FAR
DOWN.

YEAH...
STILL,
I KNOW
IT WAS
FOR THE
SAKE OF
PUSHING
FORWARD...

おろおろ
おろおろ
おろおろ



The Depths' Third Layer

The Imprisoned Pirate Ship



THRU
ZU

下VUOOOOR
オオオオ

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C...

CRIM-
SON SPLIT-
JAW
...?!



REG
...?!

THE ONE
YOU
BLASTED
WITH
YOUR
INCINER-
ATOR...

REG!
IT'S
THAT
SAME
SNAKE!

TH-
THE
ONE
FROM
BACK
THEN
...?!

I'VE
HEARD
THEY
HAVE
LAIRS
ON THE
THIRD
LAYER,
BUT...
DID IT
FOLLOW
OUR
SCENT
?!

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT!

SOR-
RY,
RIKO!

BWSH



I
SHOULDN'T
USE THE
INCINER-
ATOR...?

ARE
YOU
TELL-
ING
ME...



THEN
IT'S A
FULL
TWO
HOURS
UNTIL
YOU
WAKE
UP.

NO
MATTER
HOW YOU
PUSH
YOURSELF,
YOU
ALWAYS
FAINT
AFTER
AROUND
TEN
MINUTES.

ONCE
YOU
FIRE
IT...

DURING
THAT
TIME,
EVEN IF I
SLUGGED
YOU OR
DUNKED
YOU IN
WATER,
YOU STILL
WOULDN'T
GET UP.



GO
AHEAD
AND
USE IT
IF YOU
WANT
TO GET
RIKO
KILLED,
THOUGH.

THAT'S
RIGHT.



OTHER-
WISE,
YOUR
ADVENTURE...

WILL
BE
OVER IN
THE
BLINK
OF AN
EYE.

WHEN
THAT
TIME
COMES,
DON'T
HESITATE.
SHOW NO
MERCY.

NO
MAT-
TER
WHAT
LIES
IN THE
VICIN-
ITY...

NO
MAT-
TER
WHO
OR
WHAT
IT MAY
BE...



ぐい...
Gulp...

I WONDER
JUST HOW
SHE'LL BE
TORN TO
SHREDS
AND
EATEN...

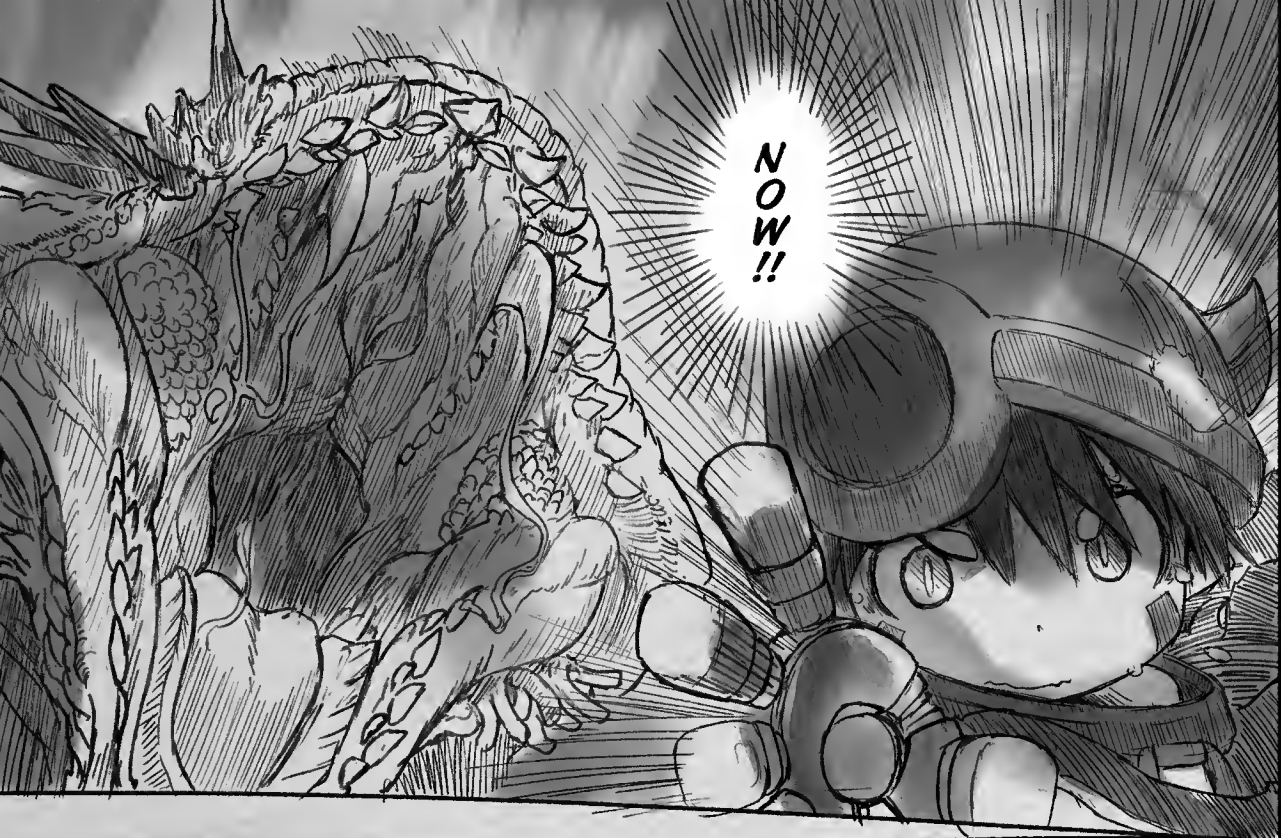
GO
AHEAD
AND TRY
LEAVING A
HELPLESS
CHILD ON
HER OWN
IN THE
DEPTHS
FOR TWO
HOURS.



GO ALL
OUT TO
MAKE
SURE
WHATEVER
IT IS
DOESN'T
COME
AFTER
YOU
AGAIN.

WHEN
YOU
REALLY
DO HAVE
TO USE
IT...

WELL
...



KAA



RIKO'S
DOING?!



IS
THAT...





IT ATE IT!!!

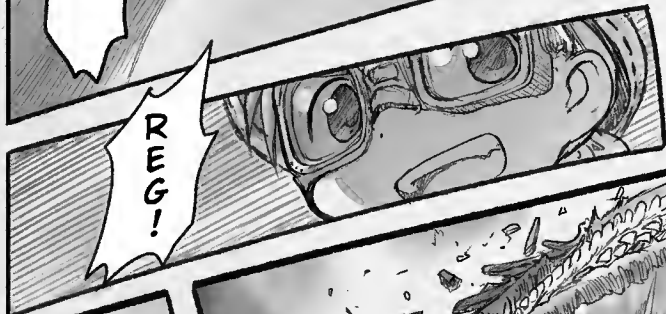
OKAY!!



"THAT THING ATE MOST OF THE RELICS I'D GATHERED."



IF NAT WAS RIGHT, THEN....!



REG!



ROGER!

X

clever...

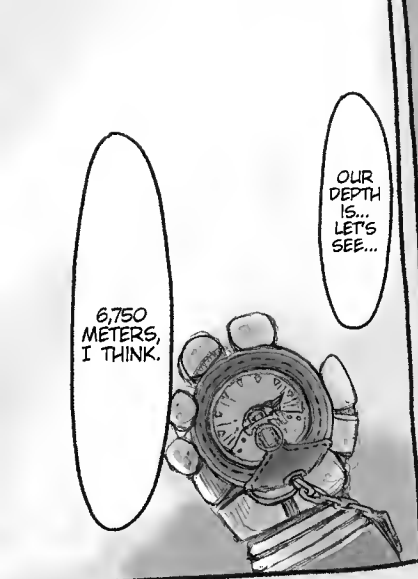
BOON





NOW IS...





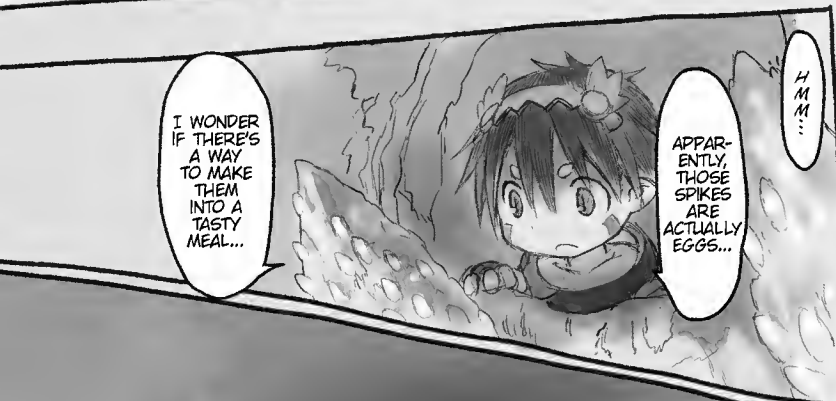
6,750 METERS, I THINK.

OUR DEPTH IS... LET'S SEE...



HAS BECOME A LOT SPIKIER.

THE LAND-SCAPE AROUND HERE...



I WONDER IF THERE'S A WAY TO MAKE THEM INTO A TASTY MEAL...

APPAR-ENTLY, THOSE SPIKES ARE ACTUALLY EGGS...

H M M...



H M ?

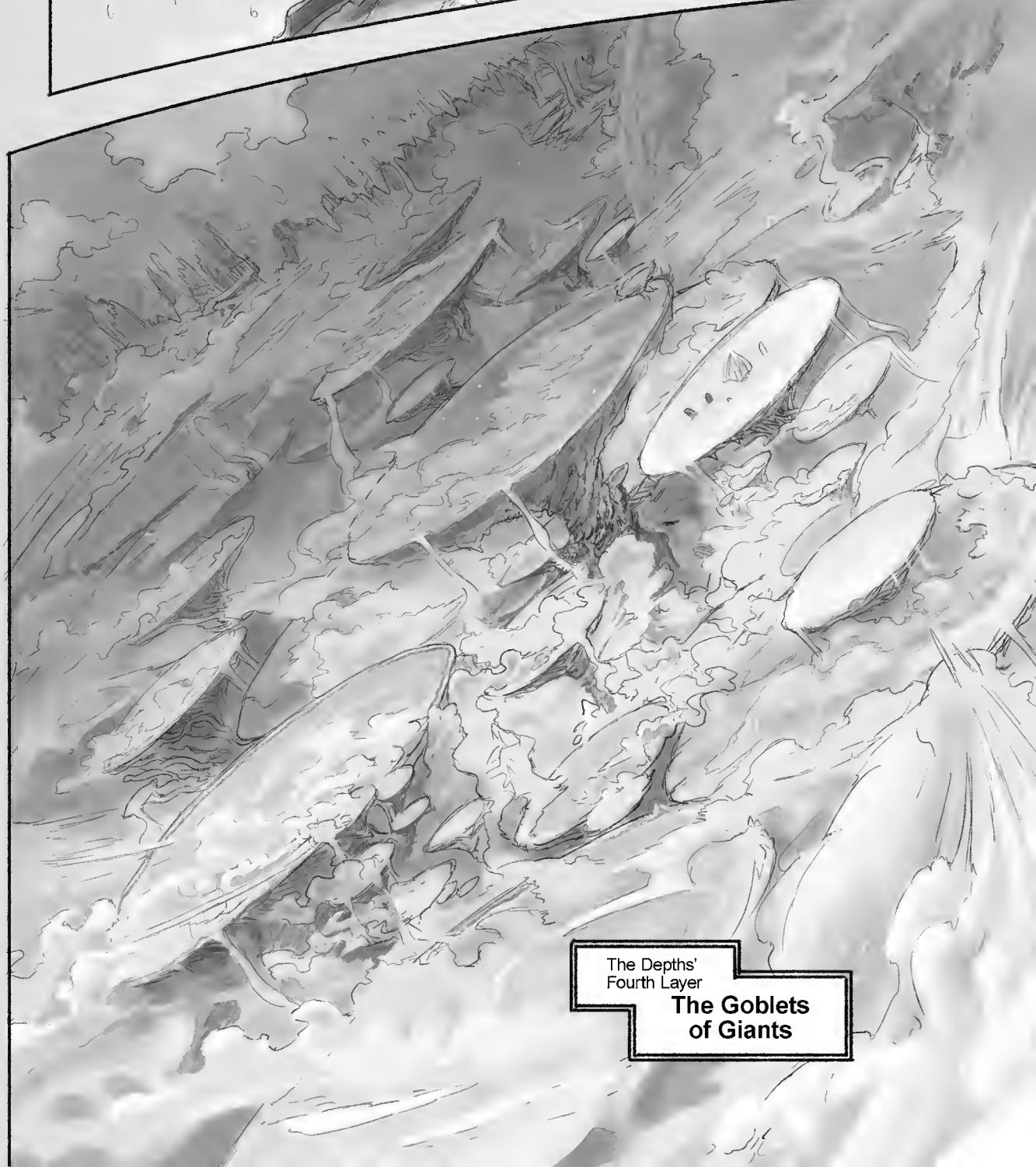
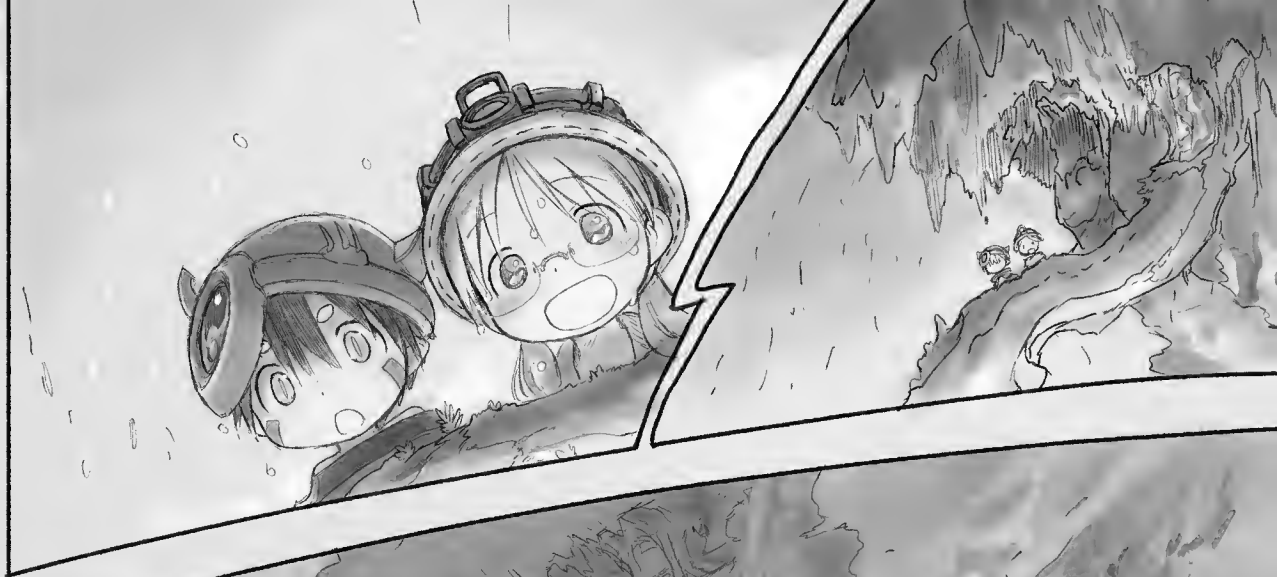


GWOOOOO



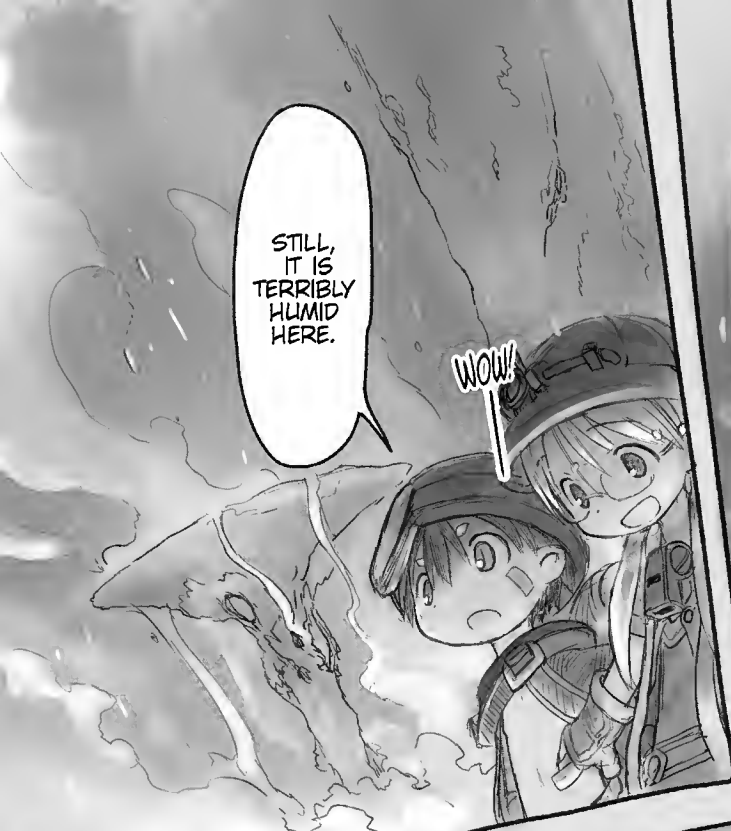
I CAN SEE SOMETHING DOWN THERE!

RIKO!



The Depths'
Fourth Layer

**The Goblets
of Giants**



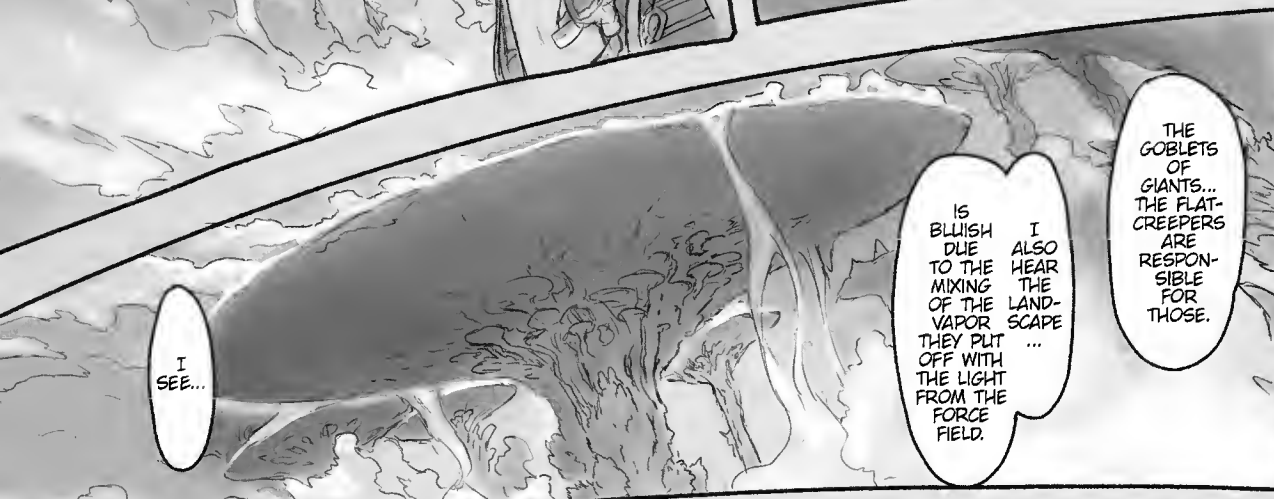
STILL,
IT IS
TERRIBLY
HUMID
HERE.

WOW!



IT'S
FINE--
IT'S
JUST
HOT
WATER.

SPLISH!
ちゃぽ!



I
SEE...

IS
BLuish
DUE
TO THE
MIXING
OF THE
VAPOR
THEY PUT
OFF WITH
THE LIGHT
FROM THE
FORCE
FIELD.

I
ALSO
HEAR
THE
LAND-
SCAPE
...

THE
GOBLETS
OF
GIANTS...
THE FLAT-
CREEPERS
ARE
RESPON-
SIBLE
FOR
THOSE.



WE
ACTUALLY
MADE IT
HERE,
TO A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS!

IT'S
QUITE
AMAZ-
ING...

AMAZING...

IT'S
A LOT
DAMPER
IN REAL
LIFE...
THAN IT
WAS IN
MY
DREAMS.

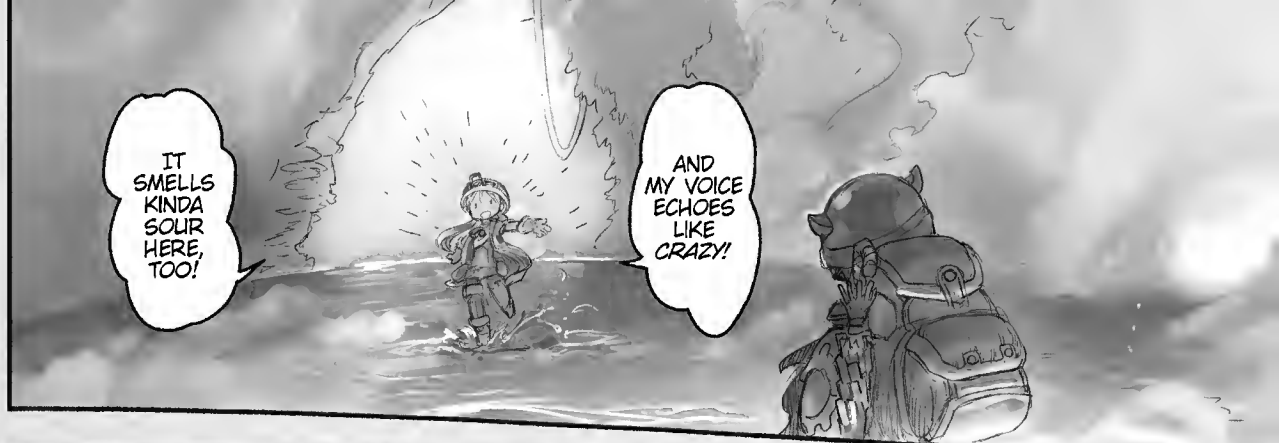
SO, THAT
PART'S THE
PREY-TRAPPING
MECHANISM...

BUT IT'S
SAID THAT
THEN THE
PLANTS
BELOW ALL
COMPLETE
TO GROW,
GIVING RISE
TO A COM-
PLETELY NEW
LANDSCAPE.

THE
CREEPERS'
PREY-
TRAPPING
MECHA-
NISMS...
WITH-ER
UP EVERY
TWO THOU-
SAND
YEARS.

YOU
KNOW,
THE PART
THAT
SUPPORTS
THE FLAT-
CREEPERS
IS ACTUALLY
A DIFFERENT
PLANT.





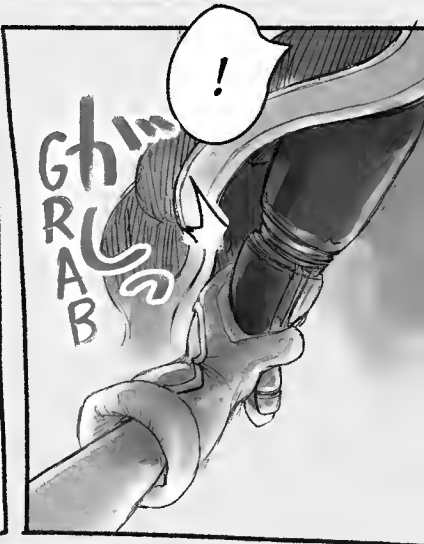
IT
SMELLS
KINDA
SOUR
HERE,
TOO!

AND
MY VOICE
ECHOES
LIKE
CRAZY!

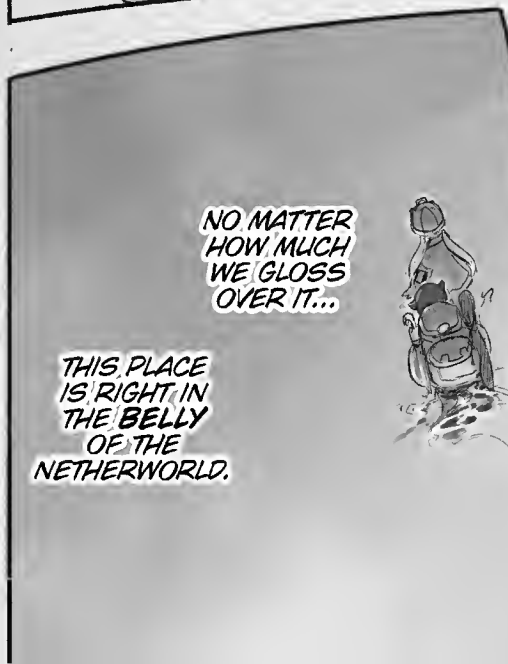


LET'S
GO!

REG!



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R
A
B



NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
WE GLOSS
OVER IT...

THIS PLACE
IS RIGHT IN
THE BELLY
OF THE
NETHERWORLD.



YOU
MIGHT
NOT SAY
IT OUT
LOUD,
BUT I'M
SURE YOU
UNDER-
STAND...



RIKO...

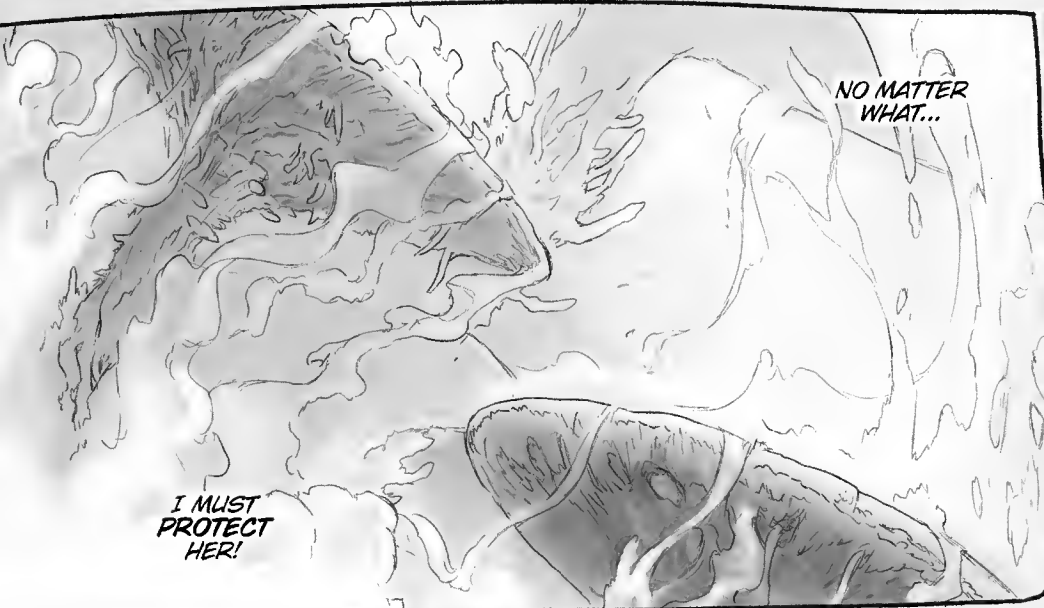
WE
NEED
TO
FIND A
DECENT
PLACE
AND
MAKE
CAMP!

SHE'D
PROBABLY...

IF RIKO'S
BODY WERE
TO UNDERGO
THAT...

IT TRULY
IS A CURSE...

THE STRAIN
OF ASCENDING
IN THE FOURTH
LAYER MAKES
YOU BLEED
OUT OF EVERY
ORIFICE IN
YOUR BODY.



NO MATTER
WHAT...

I MUST
PROTECT
HER!



BUT YOU
KNOW,
LESS
THAN TEN
PERCENT
OF THE
CREATURES
IN THE
ABYSS
HAVE
EVEN
BEEN
NAMED.

THEY
HAVEN'T
BEEN
GIVEN A
NAME YET,
THOUGH...

BECOME
THOSE
SQUID-
LOOKING
THINGS.

I
HEARD
THEY
HATCH
AND...

YOU
REMEM-
BER THE
SPIKY
EGGS
FROM
THE FINAL
SECTION
OF THE
THIRD
LAYER?



FOR A WHILE NOW, I'VE BEEN SENSING A STRANGE PRESENCE...

NEVER MIND... I'M SORRY.

WHISPER

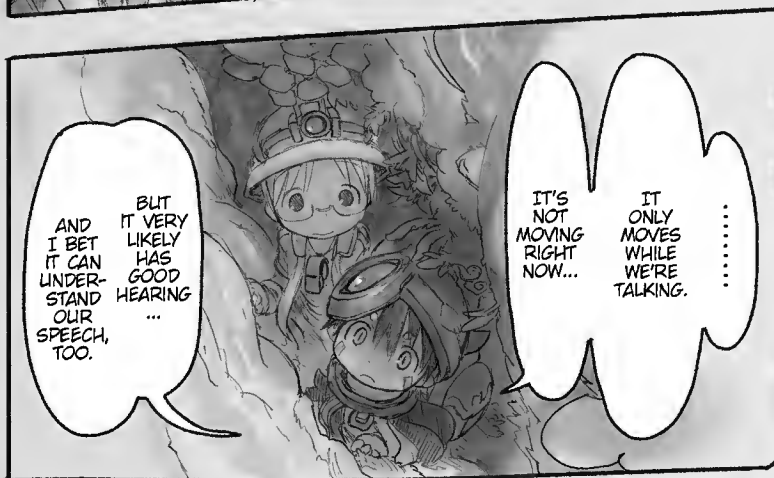


?

THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SPECIES THAT--

WHAT'S WRONG?

SHH!



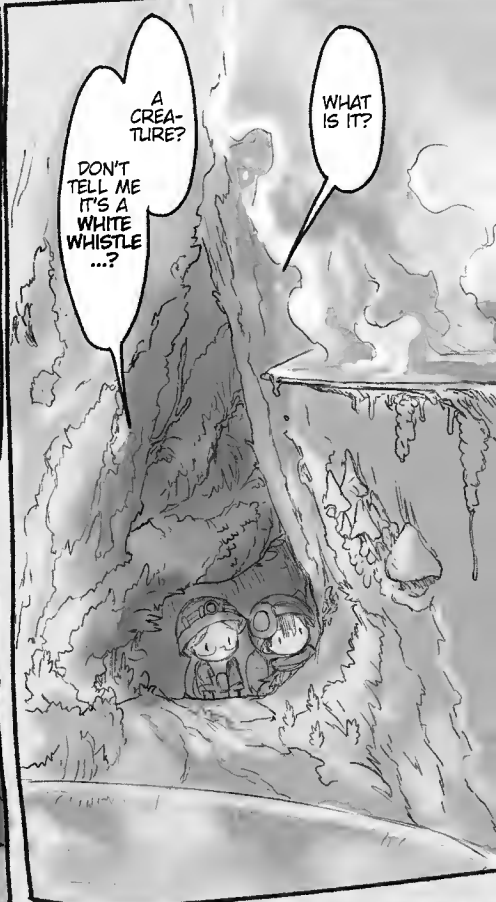
AND I BET IT CAN UNDERSTAND OUR SPEECH, TOO.

BUT IT VERY LIKELY HAS GOOD HEARING ...

IT'S NOT MOVING RIGHT NOW...

IT ONLY MOVES WHILE WE'RE TALKING.

.....



A CREATURE?

WHAT IS IT?

DON'T TELL ME IT'S A WHITE WHISTLE ...?

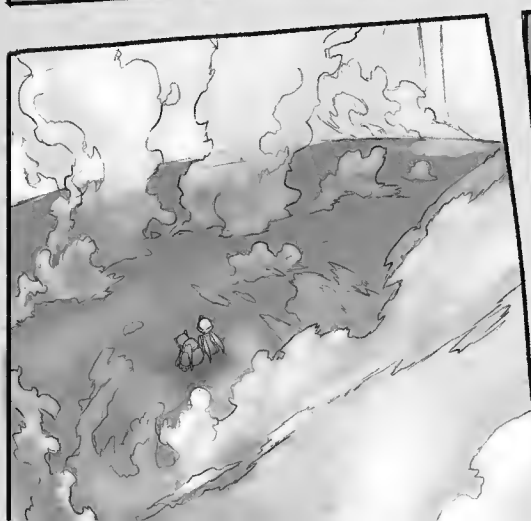


WHISPER

I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO PIN DOWN ITS POSITION.

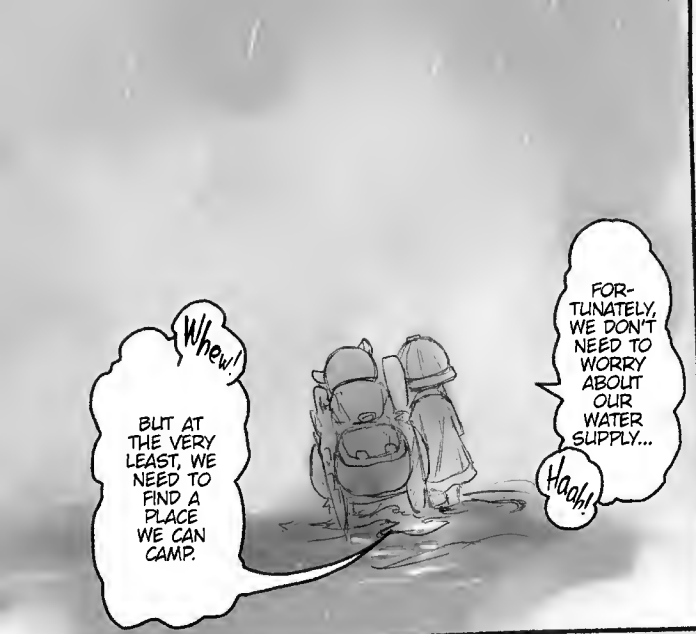
IT'S CERTAINLY STRANGE ...

I SUPPOSE IT COULD BE A CAVE RAIDER THAT'S NOT A WHITE WHISTLE.



GOOD IDEA.

MAYBE WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THIS PLACE. ... THAT'S KINDA CREEPY



Whew!

BUT AT THE VERY LEAST, WE NEED TO FIND A PLACE WE CAN CAMP.

FORTUNATELY, WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT OUR WATER SUPPLY...
Haah!



Whew!



Haah!

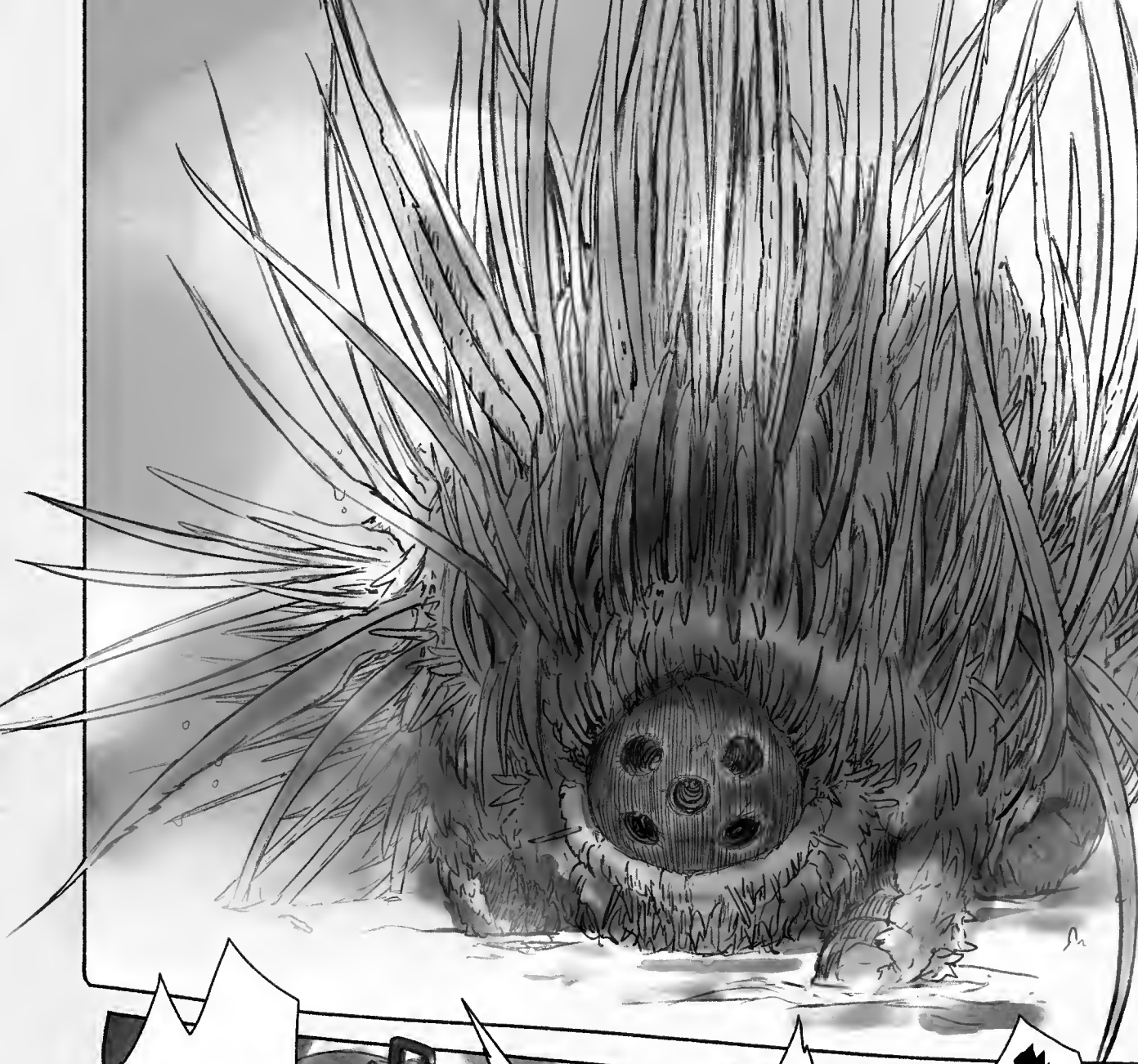
Haah!

THESE "UMBRELLAS" AND THE STEAM PROVIDE GOOD COVER...

BUT WALKING HERE IS DIFFICULT AND VISIBILITY'S BAD.

HM...





WAS
IT
YOU
?!





HELLO ABYSS
19
POISON AND
THE CURSE





HA ZA ZA

BASHAA

WHA
...?!



PLASH
CASH

IT'S
FAST!

NO...



IT
PREDICTED
MY LINE OF
RETREAT
...?!

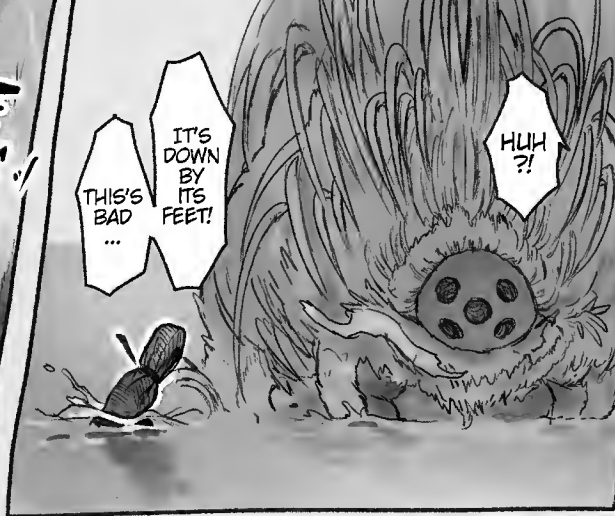


MY
BACK-
PACK!

I THOUGHT
I DODGED
THAT...



SWIPE
ハッ



THIS'S
BAD
...

IT'S
DOWN
BY
ITS
FEET!

HUH
?!



REG!
THE
BLAZE
REAP
IS...!



THE
PRIMEVAL
CREATURES
OF THE
DEPTHS
HAVE
AMAZING
INTUITION
LIKE THAT.

IT'S
JUST
LIKE
OZEN
SAID...!

BE
CARE-
FUL,
REG!



WHAT
THE...?!
DOES IT...
ACTUALLY
KNOW
WHAT
THAT
THING
IS?!



REG,
TAKE
THIS!

SO...

USE
THE
SCALED
UMBREL-
LA!

IT'S
AFRAID
OF THINGS
THAT ARE
BIGGER
THAN
ITSELF!

OKAY!



HERE
IT
COMES!

GYARIN!

KYARIN!

KYARIN!

SHAA

DO-

H...

HAAAT!

BW
O

SPRO
t





GA
A
H
H!

SHNK

SHNK

KYURIRIRI RII!

I DON'T
THINK
THAT
THING
WAS
NEARLY
BIG
ENOUGH
!!!

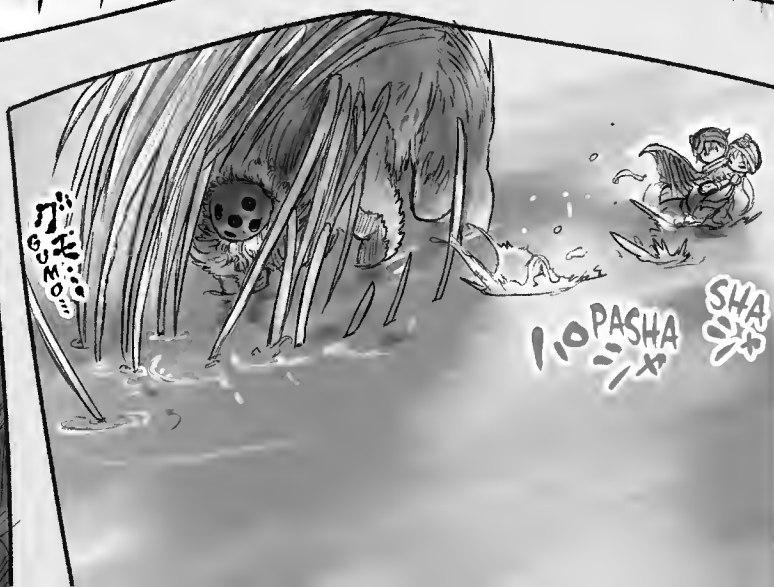
I...

LET'S
HEAD
FOR
THE
BLAZE
REAP!!

IT
DIDN'T
WORK,
RIKO!

IBASHAA





TO
SAVE
RIKO...?!

WHAT
CAN I
DO...



IT'S A
BIT TOO
THICK,
BUT...

RIKO,
HOLD
OUT
YOUR
ARM.

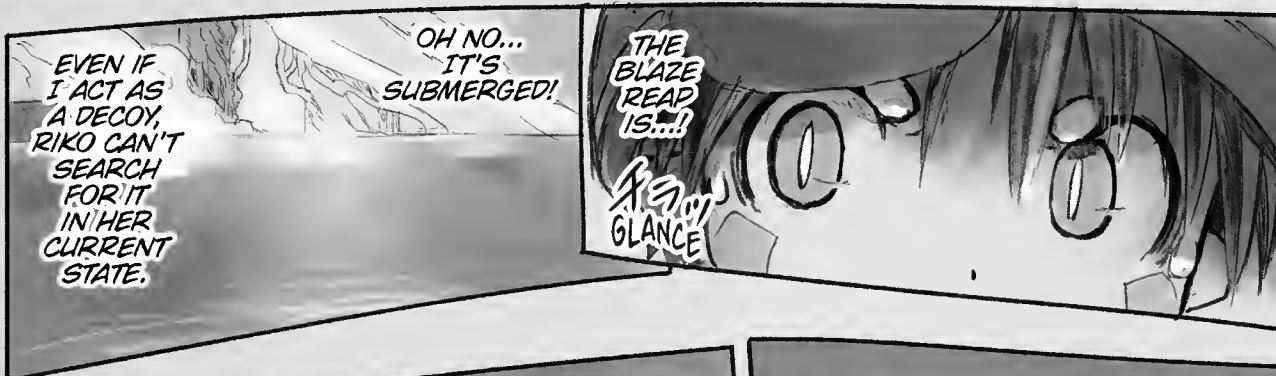


EVEN IF
I ACT AS
A DECOY,
RIKO CAN'T
SEARCH
FOR IT
IN HER
CURRENT
STATE.

OH NO...
IT'S
SUBMERGED!

THE
BLAZE
READ
IS...!

GLANCE



IN THAT
CASE...

BUT...
GIVEN ITS SPEED
AND ABILITY TO
PREDICT OUR
MOVEMENTS...

WE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
SHAKE IT BY
RUNNING.

ESCAPE...

ESCAPE
IS OUR
ONLY
OPTION!



NO!

THE
INCINERATOR...

IF I
FAINT
FOR TWO
HOURS,
WHAT WILL
BECOME
OF RIKO?!





RRRAAHHH!!







NOW SHE'S HALLUCINATING, TOO! IS THAT 'CAUSE WE'RE CLOSE TO THE THIRD LAYER?!

DAMN!!

WAKE UP!!!

That's right, right? Right...?



Yes... That's it...

RIKO!!



FIRST, I NEED TO GET THE GLOVE OFF...

IT'S SWELLED TO SEVERAL TIMES ITS NORMAL SIZE...



UGHOW!!

WOW!!



A-ANYWAY...

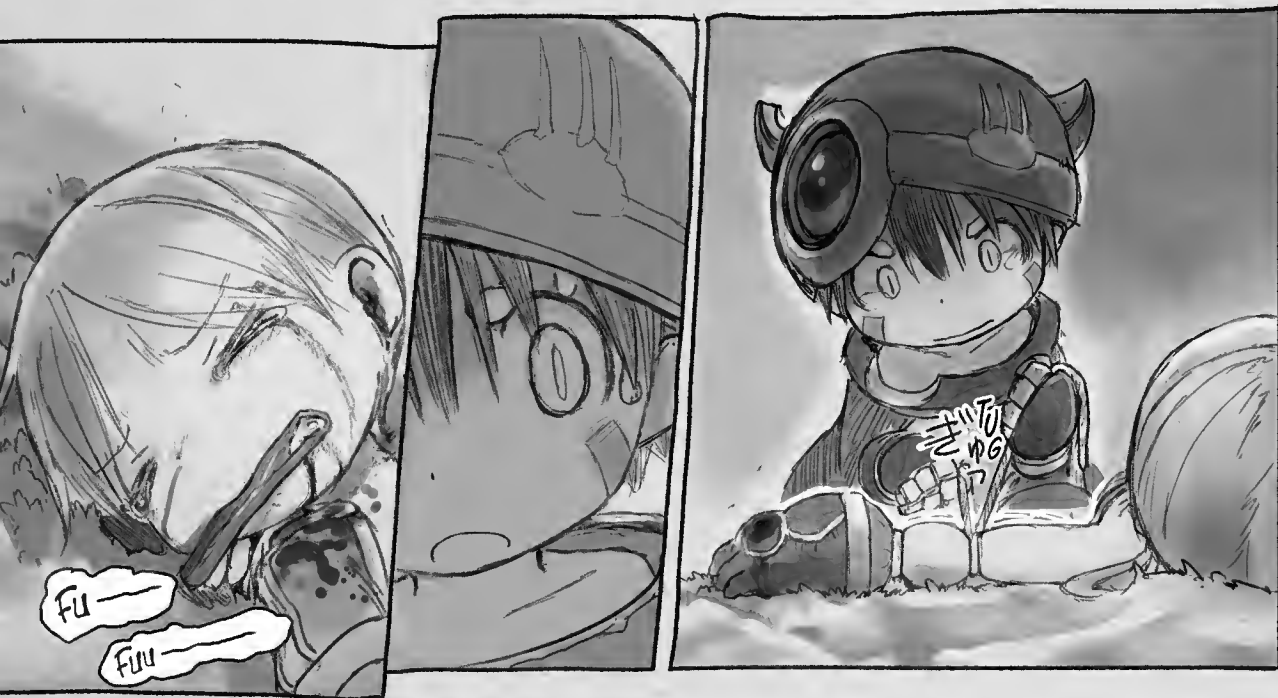
I NEED TO CHECK ON THE WOUND...

WHENEVER I WIPE THE BLOOD, MORE JUST KEEPS STREAMING OUT...!



NNGH!!

IT'S...



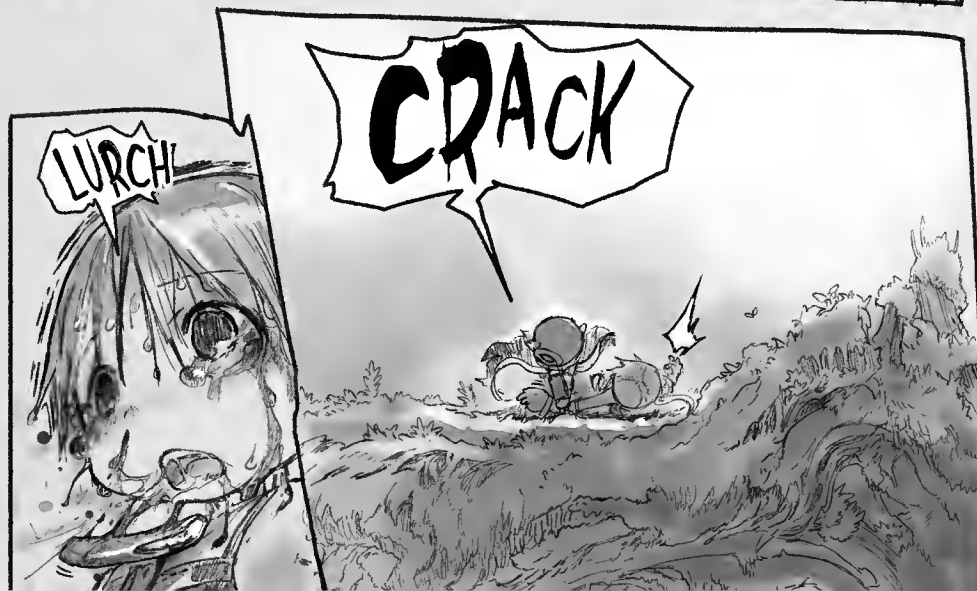
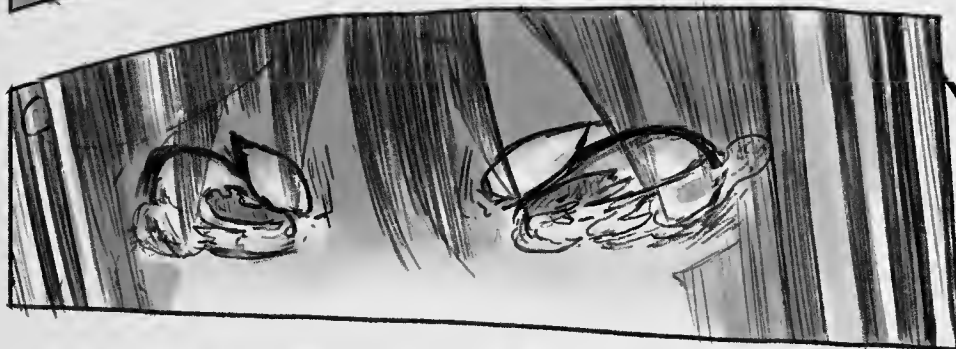


CLENCH



THE
MORE I
HESITATE,
THE MORE
RIKO
SUFFERS!!

THIS
IS NO
TIME TO
CRY!

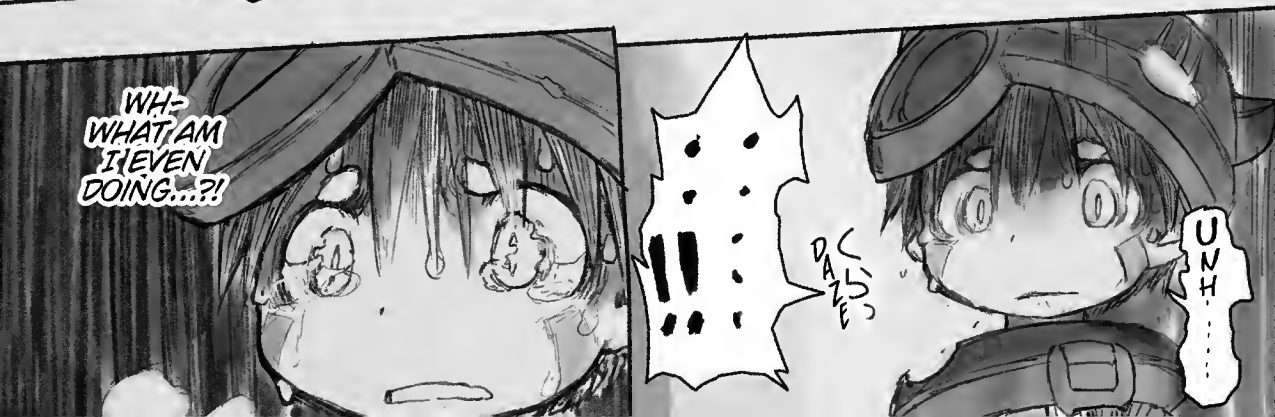


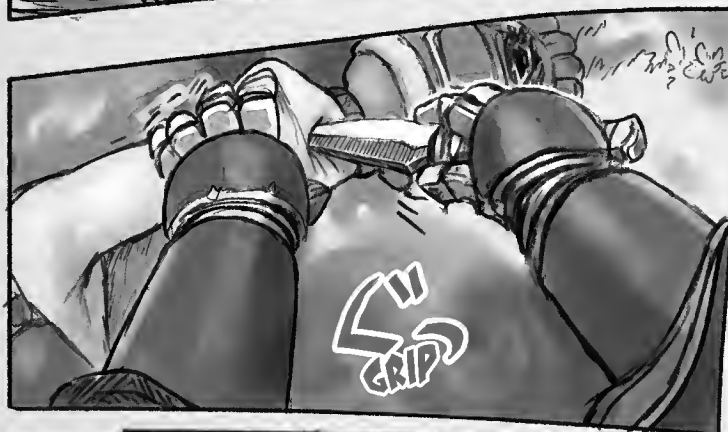
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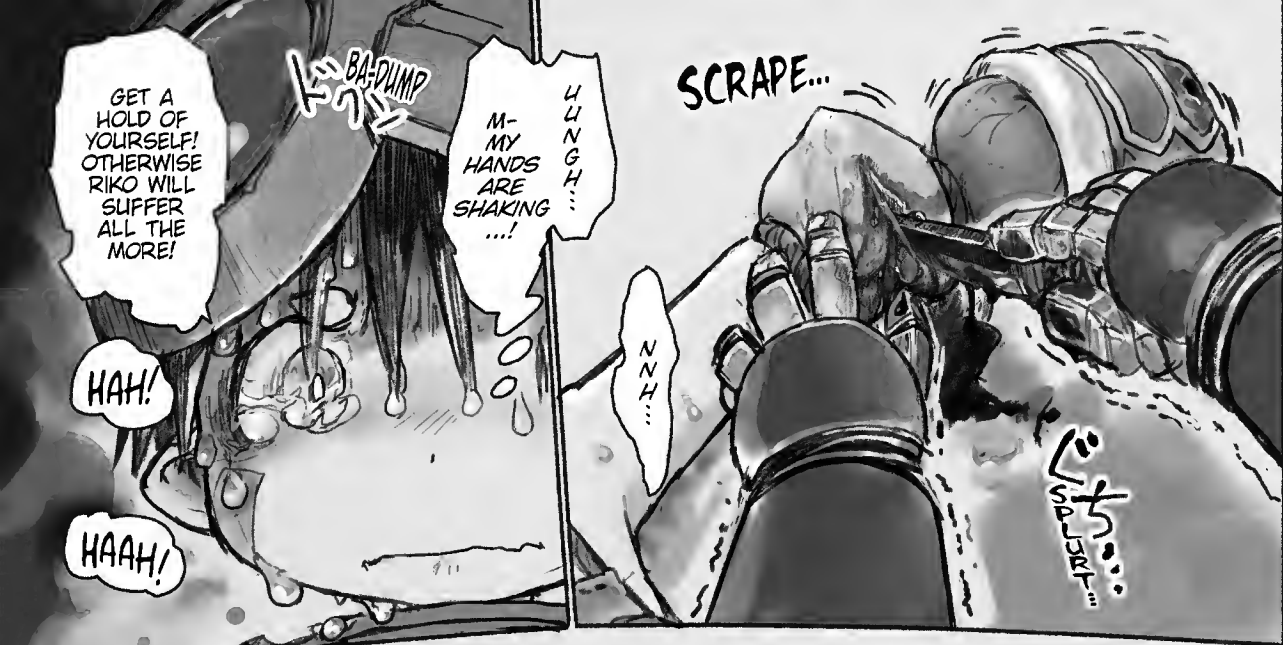
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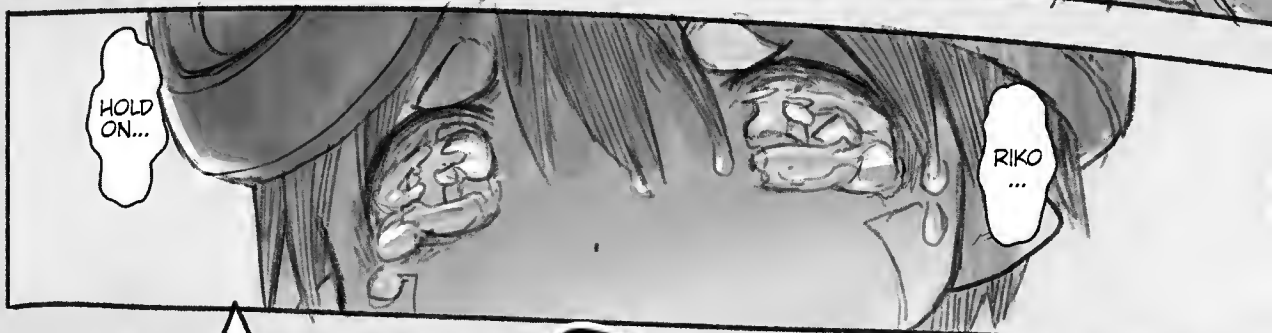
THROB-
Z
Z
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WH...

IT'S
LIKELY
TO STOP
ANY
MOMENT
NOW,
THOUGH.

THAT
GIRL...

HER
HEART
IS STILL
BEATING.

WHO
ARE
YOU?!



I'VE
COME
HERE TO
COMFORT
YOU
TWO...

N N A A ...

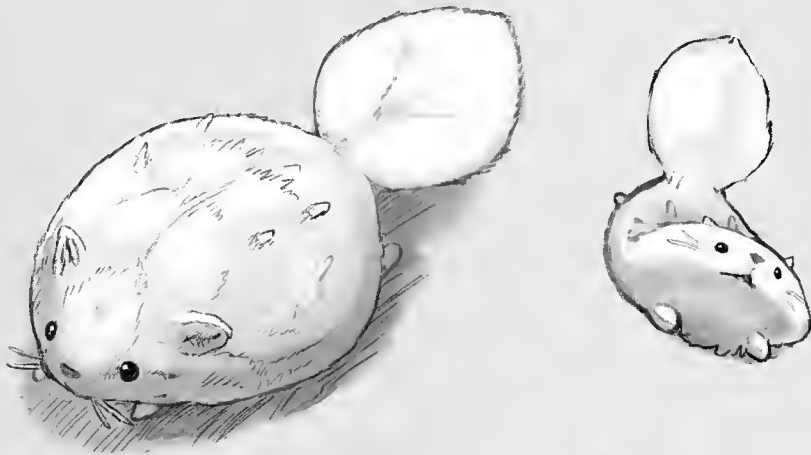
I'M
JUST A
FLUFFY
STUFFED
DOLL.

NERITANTAN

THESE SMALL, FLAT-BODIED ANIMALS LIVE IN THE ROOTS OF THE PLANTS THAT GROW HAPHAZARDLY WITHIN THE CLIFF FACES OF THE DEPTHS' THIRD LAYER.

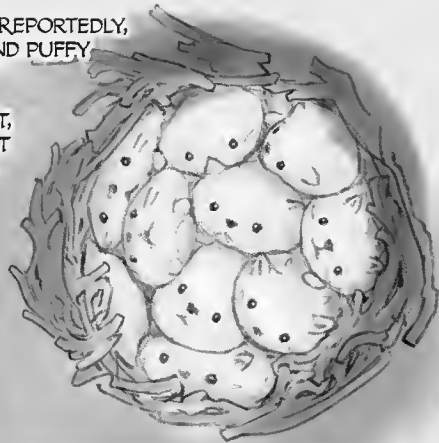
THE INTERIORS OF THE HOLLOW PLANT ROOTS WHERE NERITANTANS LIVE COMMONLY CONTAIN LEAVES (WHICH ARE BRITTLE LIKE COOKIES), FLOWERS, AND EVEN FRUITS.

NERITANTANS AND THESE PLANTS HAVE A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP, IN WHICH NERITANTANS DISPERSE THE SEEDS OF THE PLANTS WITH THEIR EXCREMENT.



THEIR FLAT BODIES ARE DUE TO THEIR FLEXIBLE RIBS. REPORTEDLY, THEY CAN BECOME THIN AND LONG OR ROUND AND PUFFY (BY INHALING AIR) AS NEEDED.

PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THEIR DIET OF FRUIT, THEIR FLESH IS DELICIOUS, WHICH MAKES IT SUITABLE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF DISHES.



* THIS ILLUSTRATION SHOWS HOW THEY CHANGE THE SHAPE OF THEIR BODIES AND BUNCH UP IN CLOSE FORMATION TO PROTECT THEIR DEN FROM PREDATORS.

DANGER LEVEL: ☆ (HARMLESS)

JUST WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!

WH-WHAT?!

ジョーは!!

HELLO ABYSS
20
NANACHI

SHE'S GONNA DIE IF YOU DON'T GET HER BREATHING AGAIN SOON.

BUT FIRST, WOULDN'T IT BE BEST TO HEAR 'BOUT HOW TO SAVE HER?

I'M HAPPY TO PROPERLY INTRODUCE MYSELF...

アラン

WHAT CAN I DO TO GET HER BREATHING AGAIN?!

PLEASE TELL ME! I WANT TO SAVE RIKO!!

WHAT SHOULD I DO...?!

NGH...!

THIS'S QUITE BAD.

WEE...!

スラン

R-RIKO...!!!

Ungh...

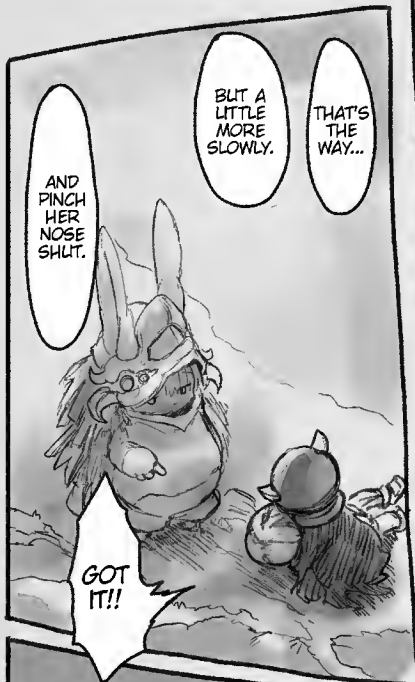
!!!



LURCH
かばん

LIKE
A KISS,
YOU
KNOW--
A KISS.
DO YOU
KNOW
HOW?

JUST
BLOW A
BREATH
DIRECTLY
INTO
HER.



AND
PINCH
HER
NOSE
SHUT.

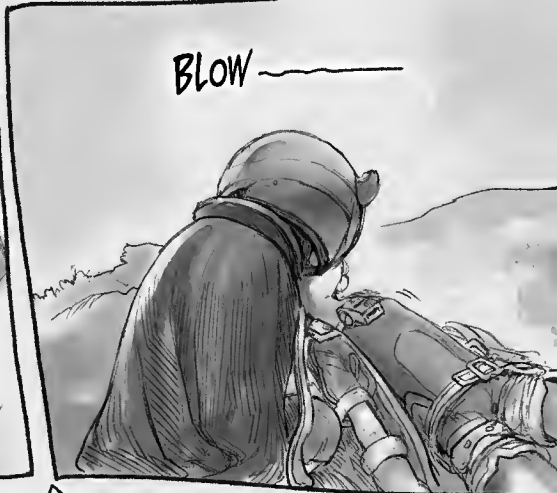
BUT A
LITTLE
MORE
SLOWLY.

THAT'S
THE
WAY...

GOT
IT!!



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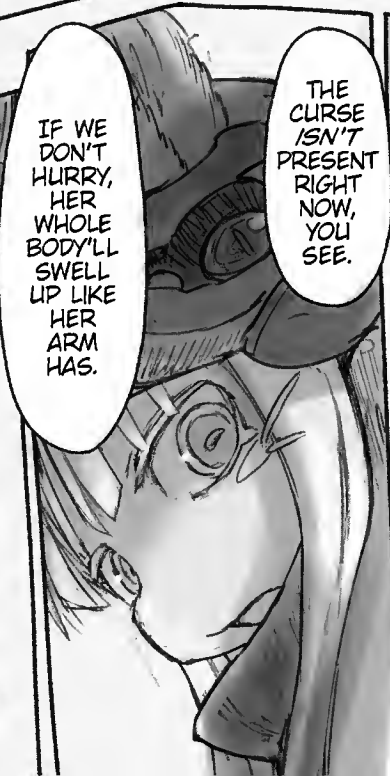
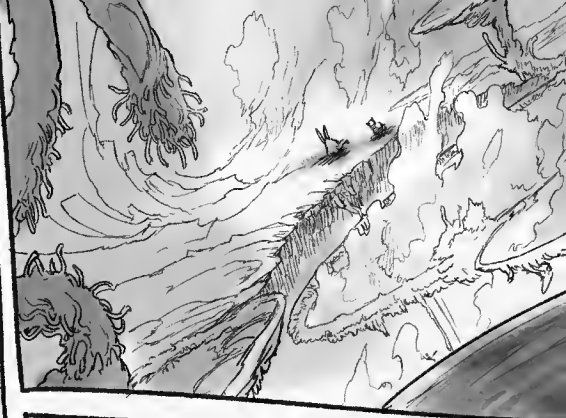
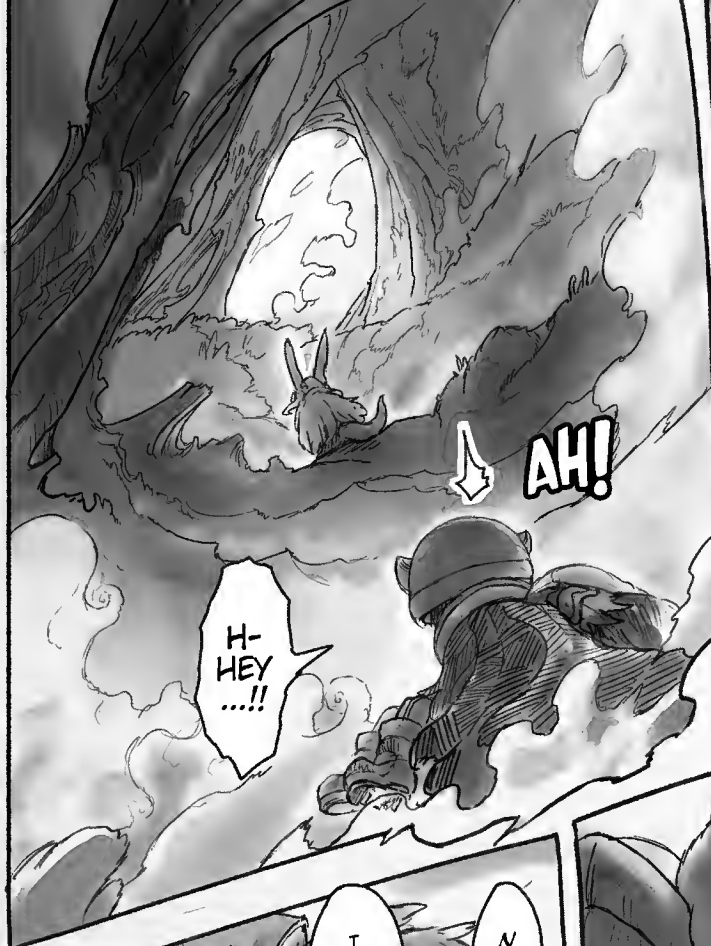


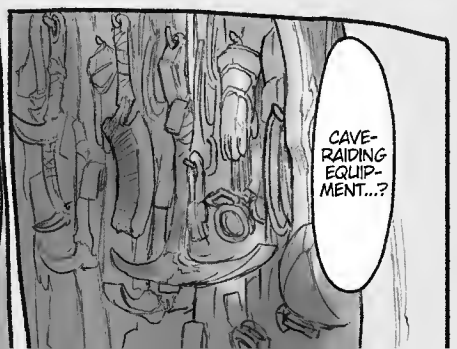
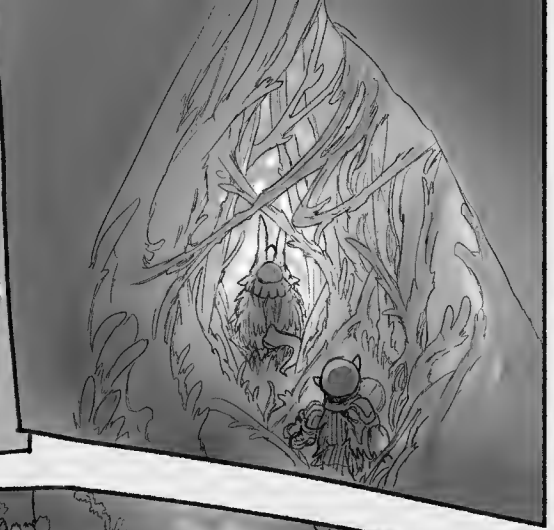
BLOW —————



LIKE
THAT?!

は WHIP







I'M
WHAT
YOU CAVE
RAIDERS
WOULD
CALL...A
"HOLLOW."

I'M
NANACHI.



.....



HEY,
LAY
HER
DOWN
OVER
HERE.



WELL,
I SUP-
POSE
YOU
DON'T
EXACTLY
LOOK
LIKE A
CAVE
RAIDER.

NNAA...
SO,
YOU
DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
US,
AFTER
ALL.

A
SMALL
...
CHILD
...?

HOLLOW...?!

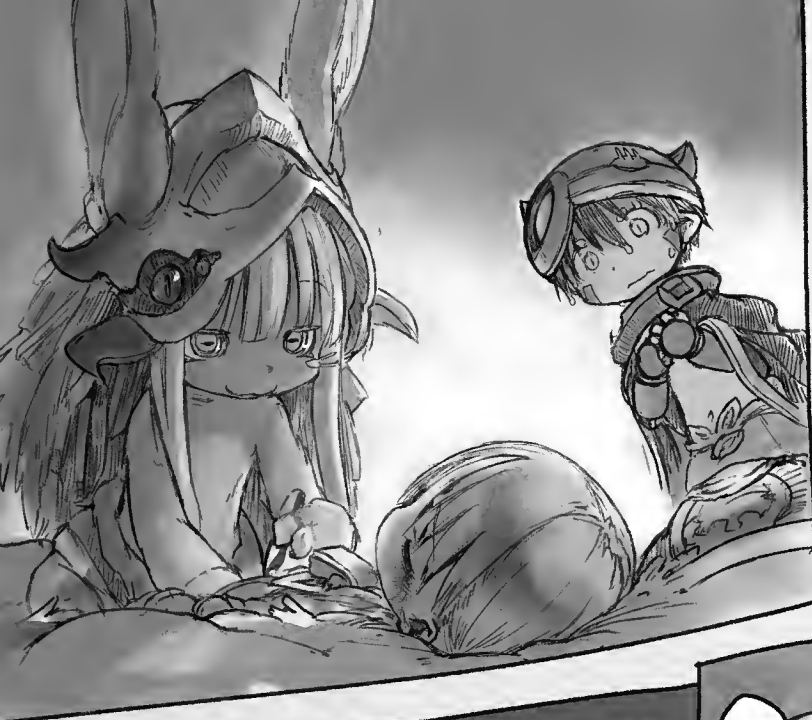


FEELING
ANXIOUS?

IN THAT
CASE, YOU
WANNA TRY
FINDING
SOMEONE
ELSE?



NANACHI,
I DON'T
MEAN TO
BE RUDE,
BUT AREN'T
YOU ABOUT
THE SAME
AGE AS
US...?



AWA WA...

WHEN IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO ADMINISTER IT ORALLY, YOU NEED TO INSERT IT IN THE BUTT-HOLE ...

THIS IS MEDICINE MADE FROM A FRIEND OF MINE THAT I'VE HARDENED WITH WAX.

YOU LET THE POISON FLOW THROUGH THE BODY AND THEN GET RID OF IT AFTER THAT'S HAPPENED.

BUT THAT'S JUST 'CAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

AMONG CAVE RAIDERS, HANDLING IT LIKE THIS IS APPARENTLY COMMON PRACTICE...



N N G H ...

IT'S A GOOD THING SHE PASSED OUT.

STILL, THE WAY YOU CUT HER IS PRETTY GRUESOME ...

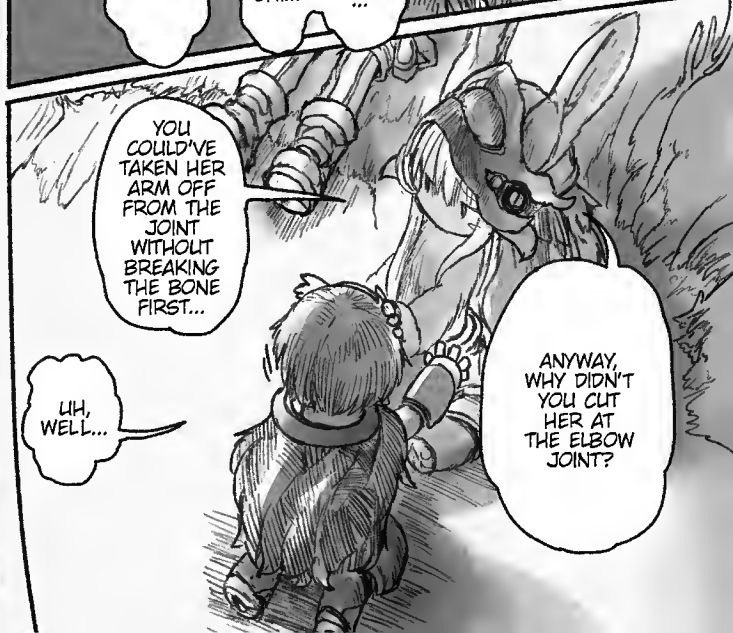
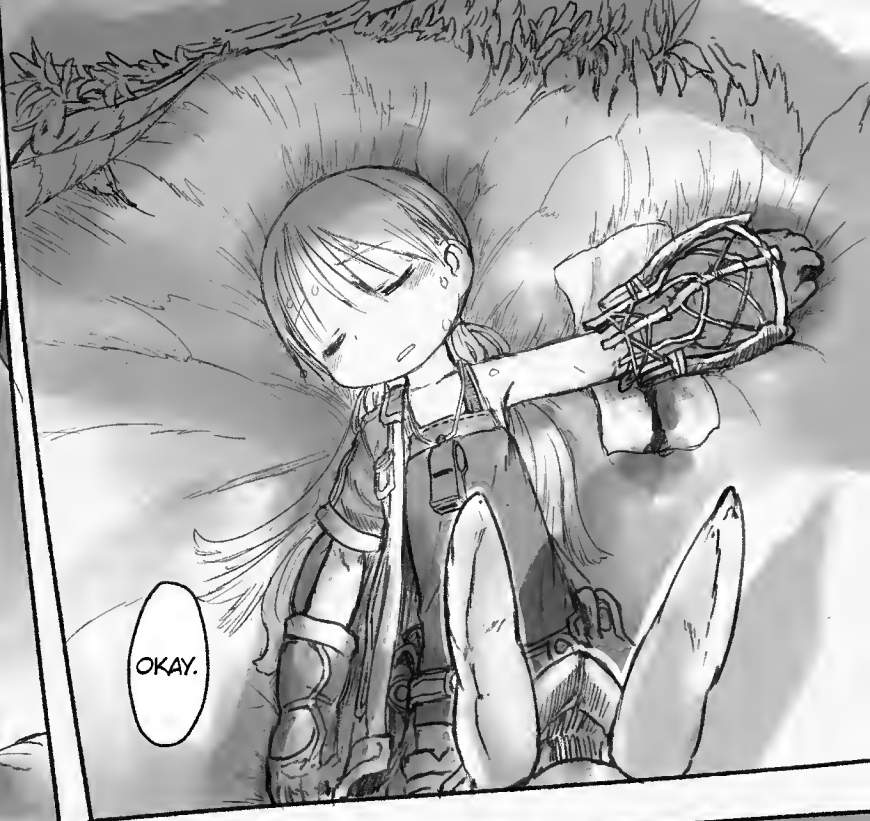
I'M NO GOOD AT STITCHING THESE, YOU KNOW.

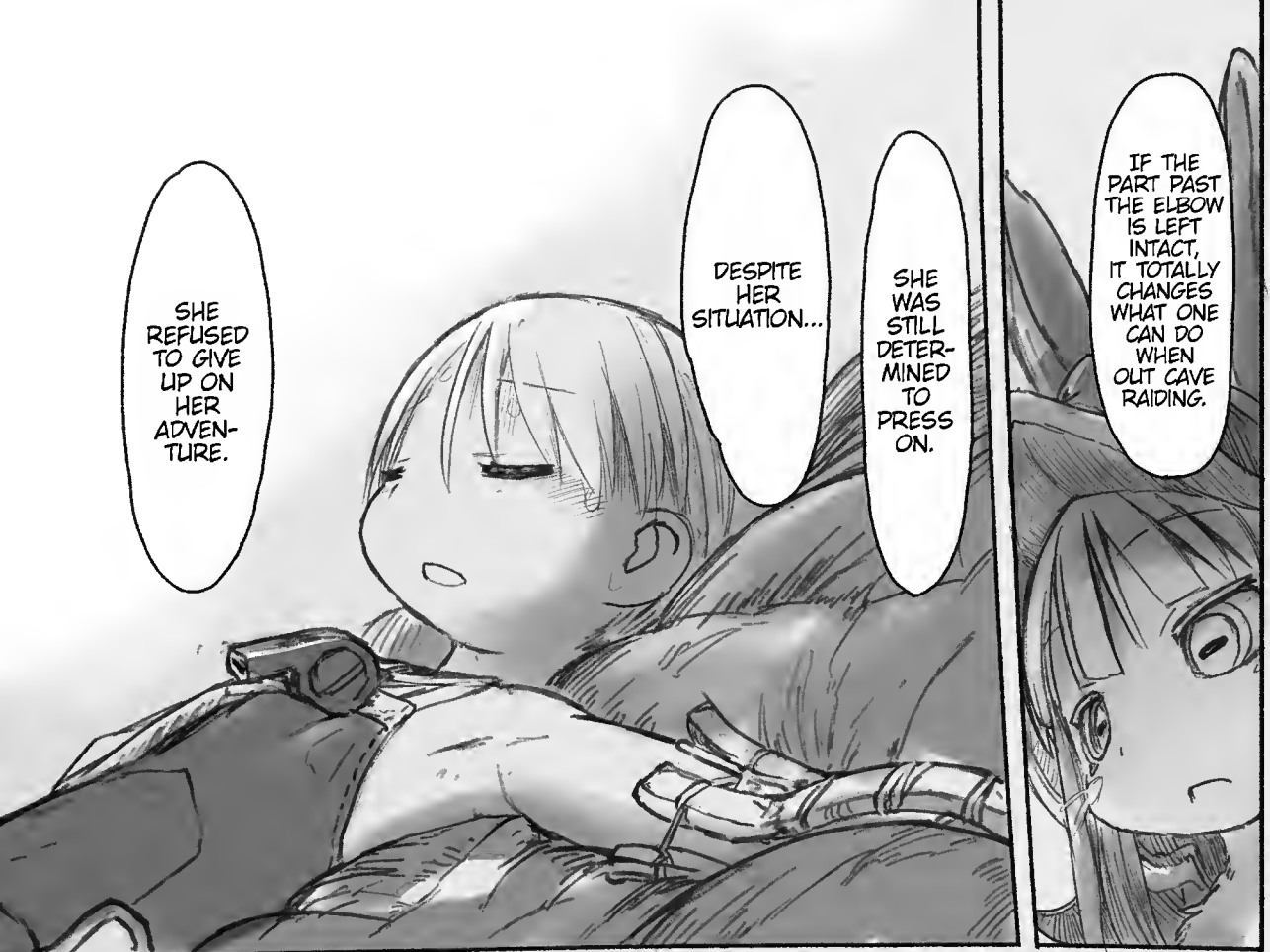
A NUMBER OF 'EM WERE DAMAGED ...

DA A A Z ...

LOOK, THIS WHITE THING'S A NERVE.

NOW, ON TO HER ARM. I'M GONNA REMOVE THE SMASHED BONE FRAGMENTS AND STITCH UP THE BLOOD VESSELS AND FLESH.





SHE
REFUSED
TO GIVE
UP ON
HER
ADVENTURE.

DESPITE
HER
SITUATION...

SHE
WAS
STILL
DETERMINED
TO
PRESS
ON.

IF THE
PART PAST
THE ELBOW
IS LEFT
INTACT,
IT TOTALLY
CHANGES
WHAT ONE
CAN DO
WHEN
OUT CAVE
RAIDING.



I
KNOW
...

I'M
REG.
AND
THAT'S
RIKO.

I STILL
HAVEN'T
TOLD
YOU OUR
NAMES!



R-RIKO...

SNIFF...

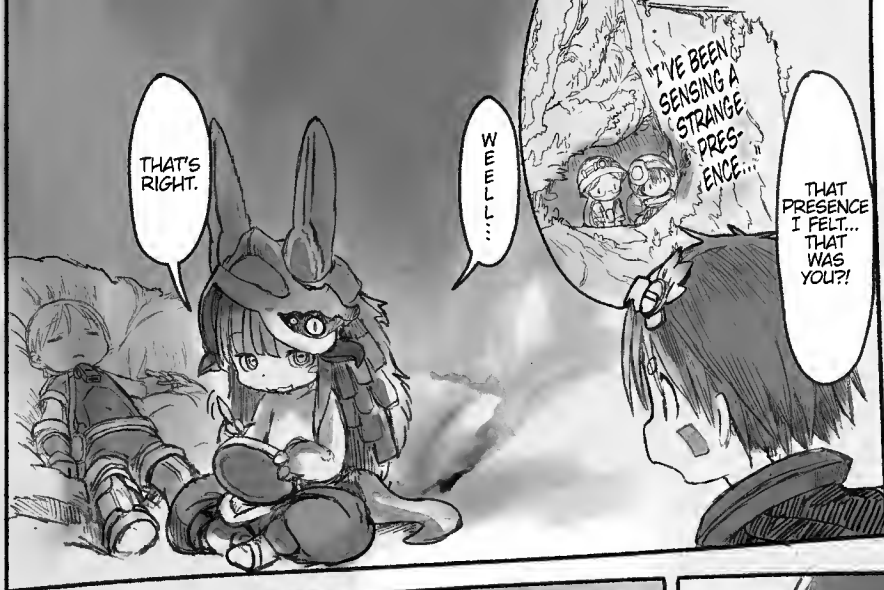


I'VE BEEN
LISTENING TO
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE SAID
EVER SINCE
YOU ENTERED
MY HUNTING
GROUNDS.

THIS
IS THE
FIRST
TIME
ANYONE
LIKE YOU
TWO HAS
COME
HERE.



O-OH,
THAT'S
RIGHT!



THAT'S RIGHT.

WEELL...

I'VE BEEN SENSING A STRANGE PRESENCE...

THAT PRESENCE I FELT... THAT WAS YOU?!



HAH... D??



YEAH, I WAS WATCHING... AND I HEARD IT ALL, TOO.

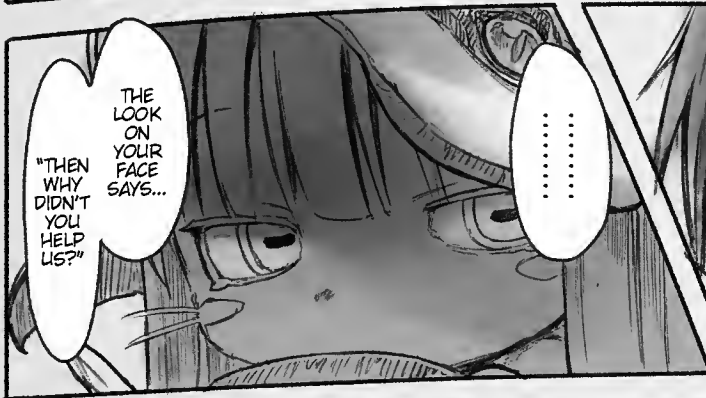
SO, EVEN WHEN THAT THING ATTACKED US, YOU WERE...?

WAIT A MINUTE...

W...



I WAS WATCHIN' THE WHOLE TIME. IF I HADN'T BEEN, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TREAT THE ORB-PIERCER'S POISON, WOULD I?



"THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU HELP US?"

THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE SAYS...

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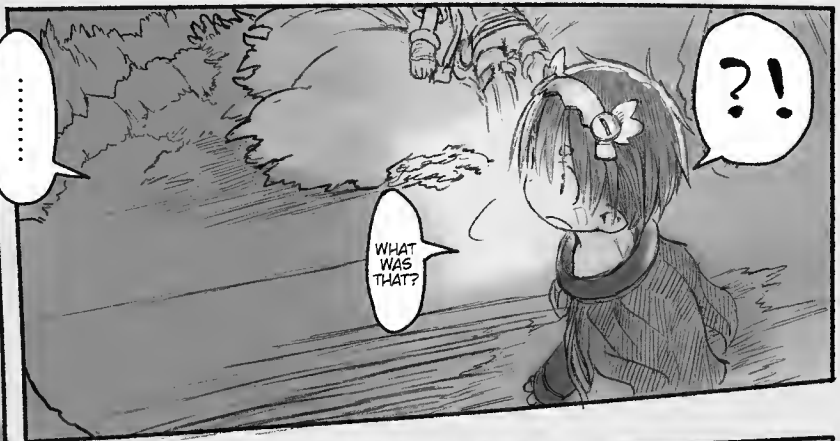
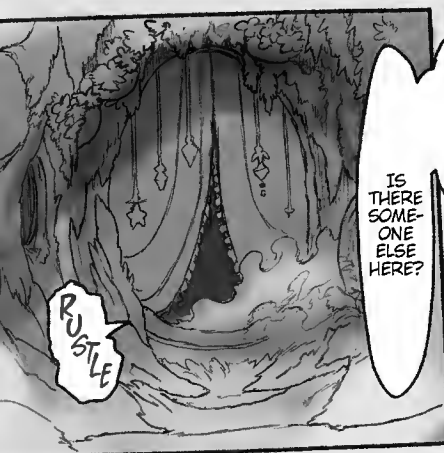
'CAUSE I STARTED TO PITY YOU.

S-SO THEN... WHY DID YOU SAVE US?

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, I HAD NO INTENTION OF SHOWING MYSELF.



I WAS ONLY CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE, THAT'S ALL.







IF I'M NOT MIS-TAKEN ...

IT'S "THE LOSS OF YOUR HUMANITY OR EVEN DEATH."



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE STRAIN OF ASCENDING IN THE SIXTH LAYER?

WHA ...?



NO MATTER WHAT IS TRIED, THEY CAN NEVER GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE.



RIGHT.

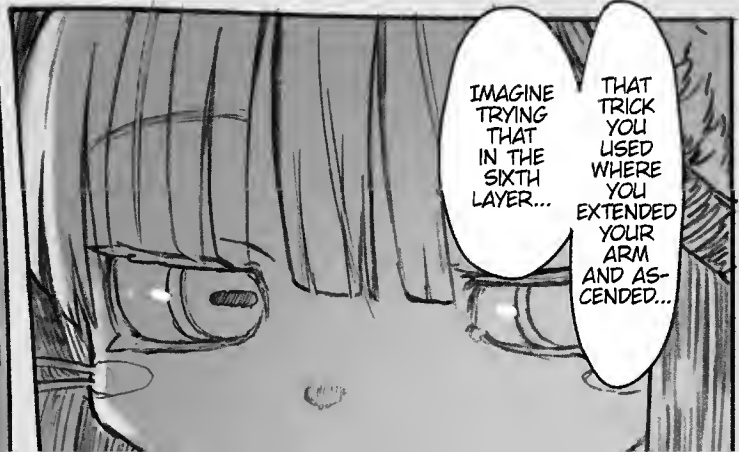
IF SOMEONE SURVIVES THE CURSE OF THE DEPTHS' SIXTH LAYER, THIS'S WHAT BECOMES OF 'EM.

THEIR PERSONALITY AND INTELLECT VANISH.

AS THE NAME IMPLIES, THEY BECOME A HOLLOW HUSK OF THE PERSON WHO ONCE WAS.



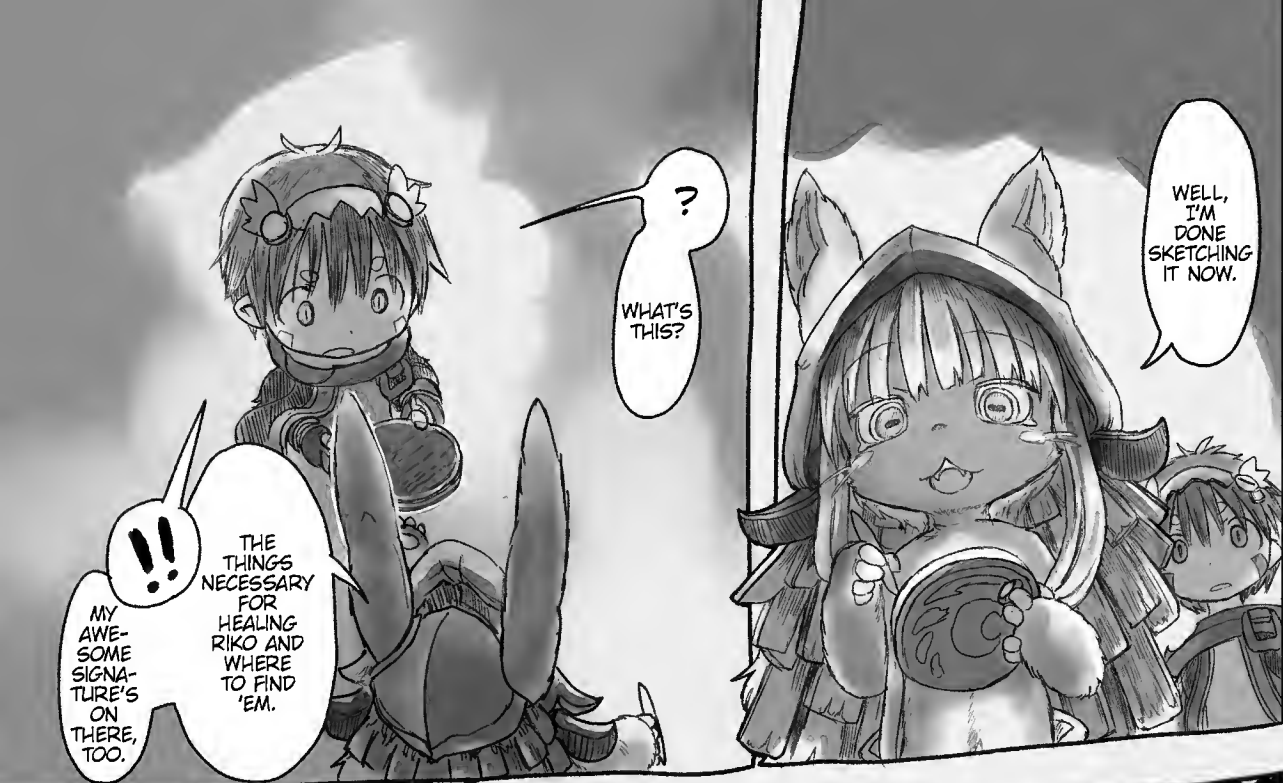
JUST THE THOUGHT OF IT IS PRETTY THRILLING, HUH?



IMAGINE TRYING THAT IN THE SIXTH LAYER...

THAT TRICK YOU USED WHERE YOU EXTENDED YOUR ARM AND ASCENDED...





!!
THE THINGS NECESSARY FOR HEALING RIKO AND WHERE TO FIND 'EM.
MY AWE-SOME SIGNATURE'S ON THERE, TOO.

?
WHAT'S THIS?

WELL, I'M DONE SKETCHING IT NOW.



D-DON'T JOKE A-ROUND !!!

IF IT TAKES YOU ANY LONGER THAN THAT, YOU BEST THINK UP A SPIFFY EULOGY.

I'LL DO ALL I CAN TO MAKE HER HOLD ON ANOTHER TWELVE HOURS.



DASH

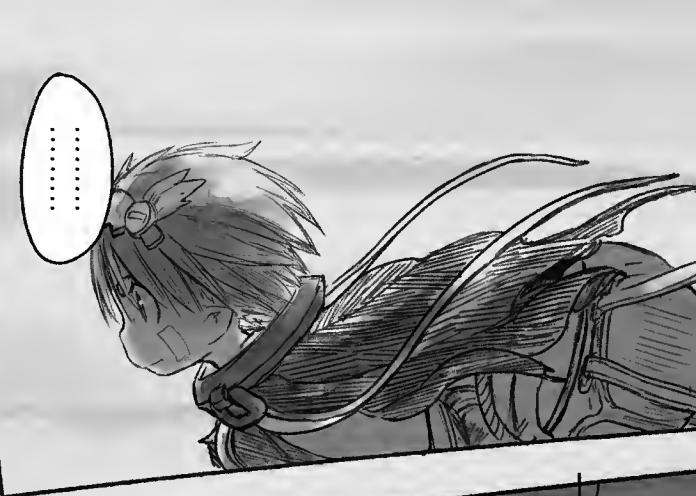


SHE STILL HAS INTERNAL BLEEDING, AND AT THE RATE THINGS ARE GOING, HER ARM WILL ROT OFF.

ALL I'VE DONE SO FAR...
IS DELAY HER DEATH.



"I KNEW
IT-
YOU
CAN'T
SEE IT,
CAN
YOU?"



.....



TWUF

BUT
FOR NOW,
I HAVE TO
FOCUS
ON ONE
THING...

SAVING
RIKO!!

FWOOSH



I NEED
TO ASK
WHAT
THAT
MEANS,
EXACTLY.

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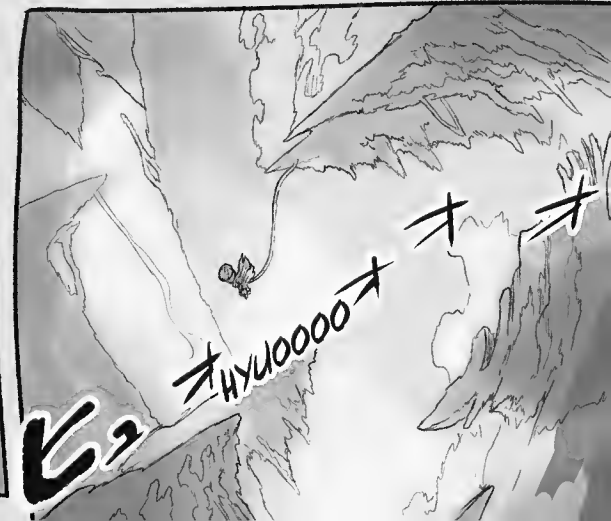


MY
MIND
IS
CHURN-
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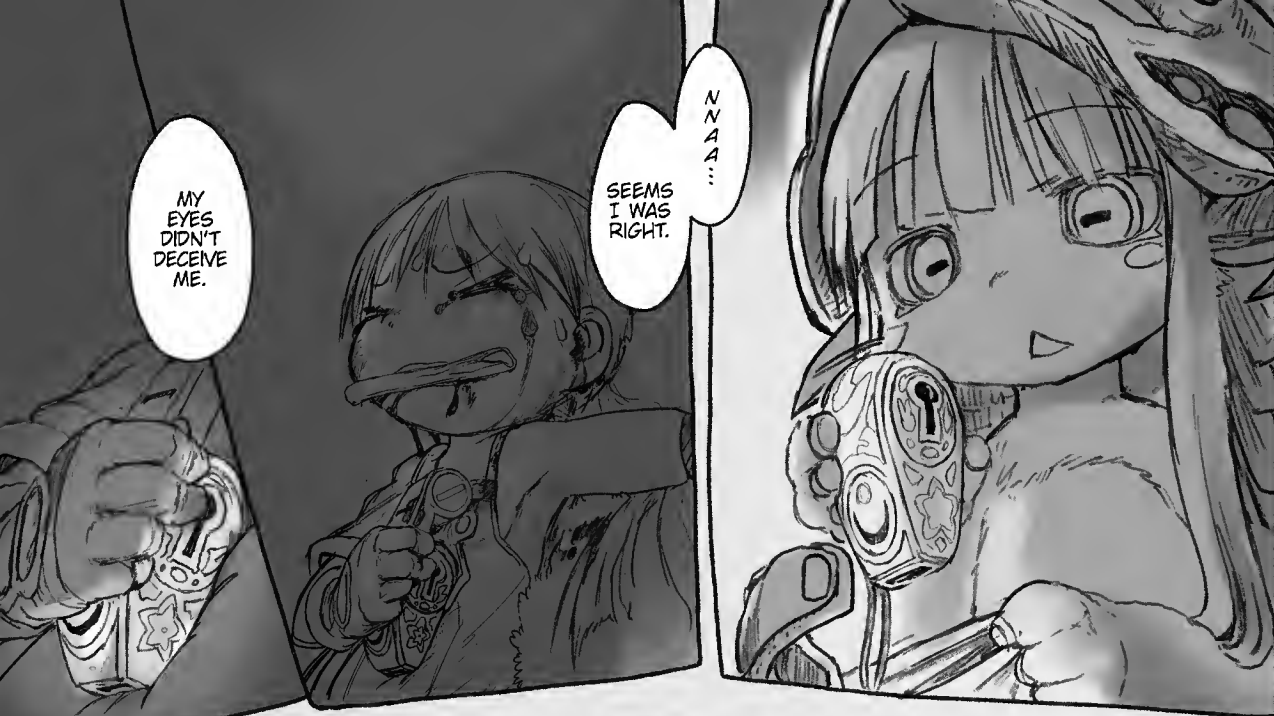
THERE'S
SO
MUCH
TO
KEEP
UP
WITH...



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COME
ON,
SMILE.

THE
SUCCESS
OF THE
EXPERI-
MENT.

LET US
CELE-
BRATE...

A demonfish, the bigger the better.

Choose one that displays clear color differentiation between its back and belly.

A shroombear infected with water-shrooms.

Find the one with the most shrooms growing on it and bring it back alive.

You can generally find 'em on the western side.
Stay outta the central region.
Orby is in there.

Yellow-shining grass.

Giant hammerbeak eggs.

Take just one per nest.
The freshly laid eggs are best.

Find a spot where there's a lot of it growing, and pick the stuff that smells somewhat better than the rest.

HELLO ABYSS
21
REG'S
MEMORIES

PLEASE...
LET ME
MAKE IT
BACK IN
TIME!!

ALL
RIGHT!

I'VE
COL-
LECTED
IT ALL
NOW!!





SHE'LL GET A RASH IF WE JUST LEAVE HER SOAKED IN BLOODY PEE, RIGHT?

NANA...
YOU SURE ARE NOISY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, NANA-CHI?!!

WHAT ARE ...?!

NANA NANA!

WHA --?!



CALM DOWN, YOU PIECE OF JUNK.

IS SHE OKAY?!

ALSO... I MIS-UNDERSTOOD AND... ER...

IS RIKO ALL RIGHT?!

UH ... LIM ...

あおあお
FLUSTER...

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BLUSH...



QUITE A LOT GUSHED OUT, YOU KNOW.

MAKE SURE TO WASH IT LATER.

STEAM
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LOOK.



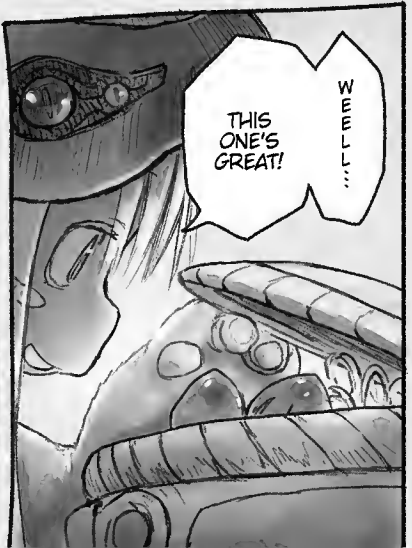
WE'RE GONNA SAVE RIKO.



LET'S GET STARTED RIGHT AWAY.



YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD.



THIS ONE'S GREAT!

WELL...

IT'S WHAT THEY CALL SYMBIOSIS.

IF THE SHROOMBEAR REPRODUCES IN A NEW DEN, THEN THERE'LL BE MORE WATER-SHROOMS, TOO.

THEY SHARE THEIR STORED-UP NUTRIENTS AND GET THEIR HOST GOIN' AGAIN.

WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE THEIR HOST-- WHICH HAS LEFT THE DEN BY THIS POINT-- IS ABOUT TO DIE...



GET WELL!



I'LL DO MY BEST!...

I'M GONNA DIE...



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THESE WATER-SHROOMS ARE PARASITIC, YA SEE.



THEY HURT LIKE CRAZY WHEN YOU PULL 'EM OFF, THOUGH.

THEY ALSO HELP PREVENT THE FLESH FROM ROTTING.



UH...?



THAT SHOULD HELP THE BONE'S HEALING PROCESS A BIT, TOO.

SHE'S GOT A GOOD VEIN THERE ANYWAY, SO WE'LL STICK 'EM RIGHT ON HER WOUND.

WHILE RIKO'S UNCONSCIOUS, WE'RE GONNA PUT 'EM TO GOOD USE BY PLANTING THEM ON HER.



FOR MY DINNER, OF COURSE.

SHOULD BE OBVIOUS.

NANACHI, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE THE FISH AND THE REST OF THE STUFF FOR?



IF I FAINT FROM HUNGER, WHO'S GONNA TREAT HER?

I'VE GOTTA STAY BY HER SIDE, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TIME TO RUSTLE UP A MEAL, RIGHT?

YOU SURE GET NOISY ABOUT EVERY LITTLE THING.

N N A A ...

WHAT WOULD WE HAVE DONE IF I'D BEEN TOO LATE ???

YOU SAID TO GATHER IT ALL!

THIS HERE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!!

WHA ...?!



HE'S SUCH A PUSH-OVER.

AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND NOW.

ふふ FIDGET
ふふ FIDGET

I SUPPOSE THAT'S TRUE. I'M VERY SORRY.



BUT AT LEAST THIS'LL SAVE HER LIFE, YOU KNOW?

DON'T LOOK SO DOWN. I KNOW IT DOESN'T LOOK PRETTY...

ALL DONE.



UH... THERE'S A STREAM OUT BACK.

HERE, GO WASH THE PEE OUT OF RIKO'S THINGS.

HERE, GO WASH THE PEE OUT OF RIKO'S THINGS.



THAT'S RIGHT.

REALLY?! HER LIFE IS TRULY SAVED THIS TIME?!



THANK YOU, NANA-CHI!

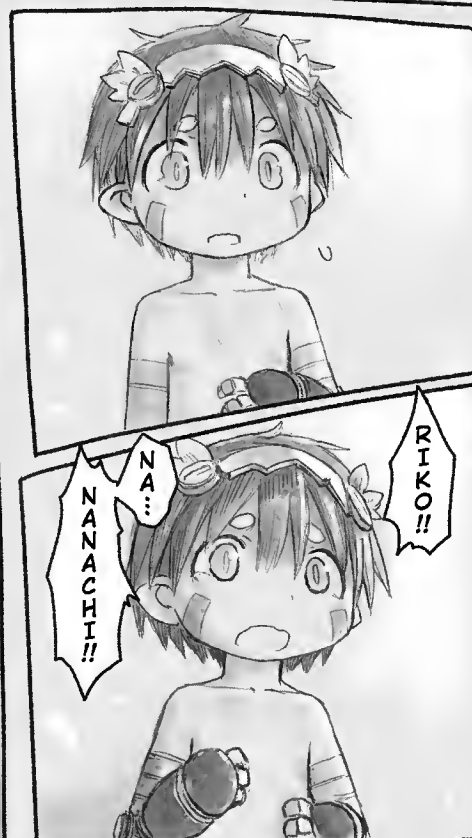
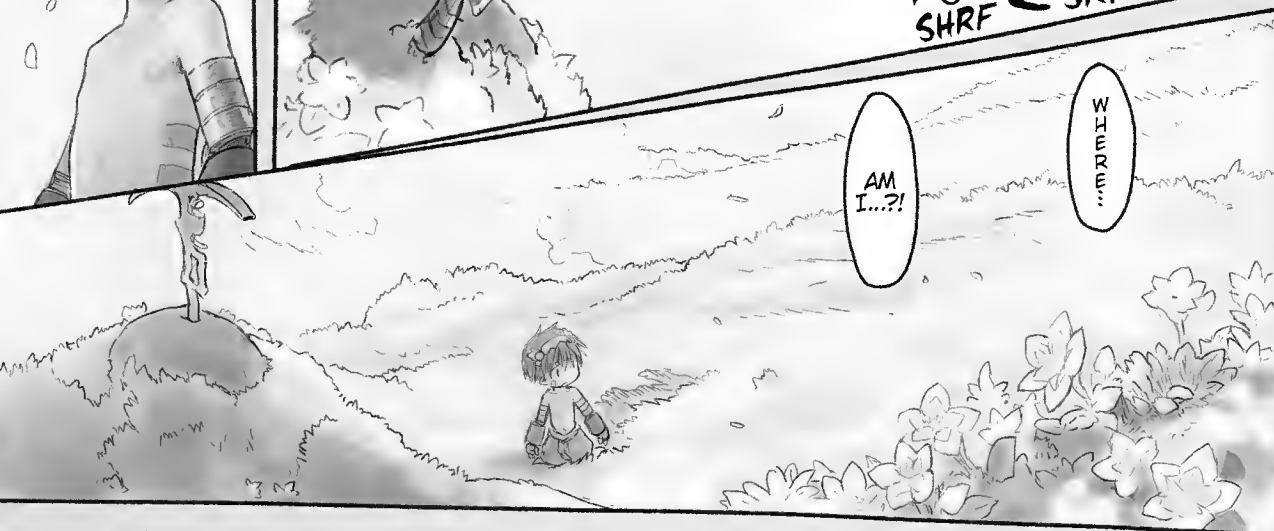
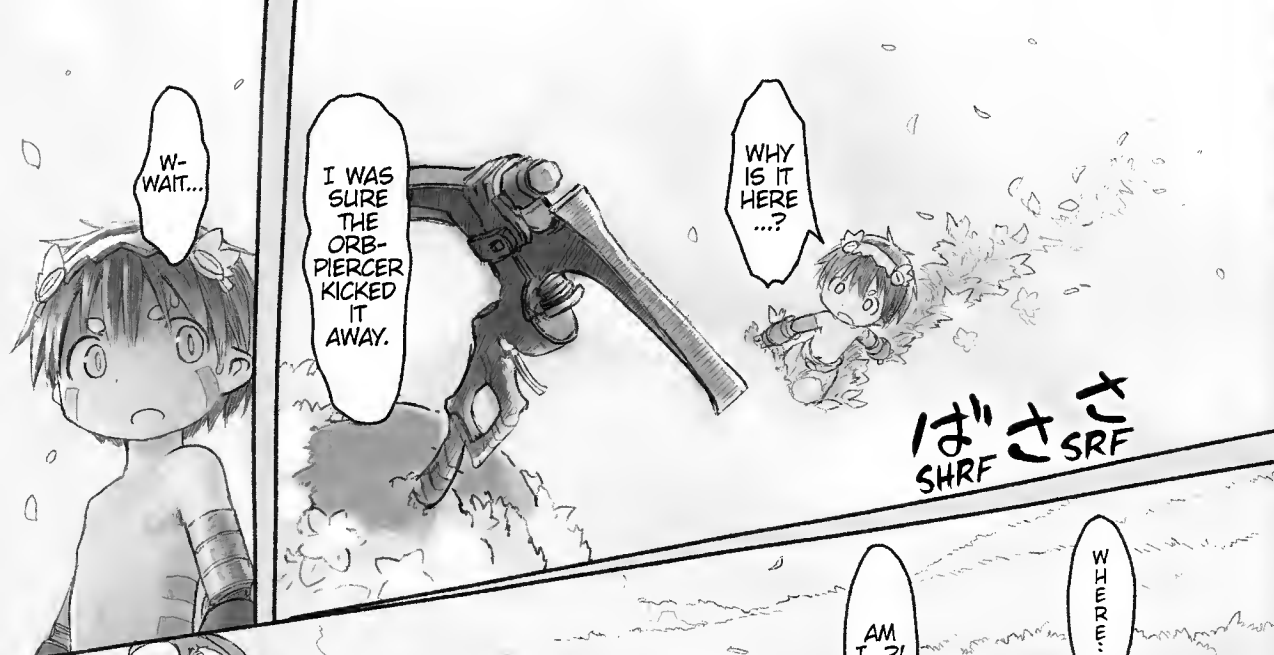
WOW...! THANK YOU!



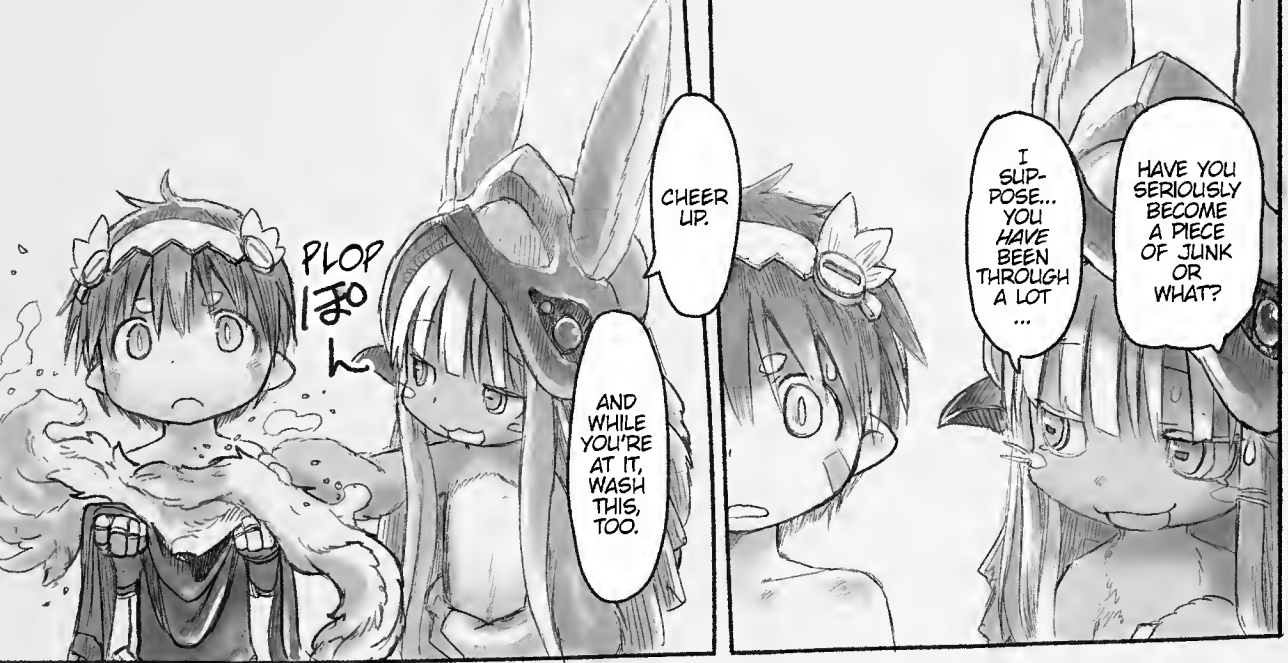
OH... YOU REALLY ARE FLUFFY.











PLOP
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CHEER
UP.

AND
WHILE
YOU'RE
AT IT,
WASH
THIS,
TOO.

I
SUP-
POSE...
YOU
HAVE
BEEN
THROUGH
A LOT
...

HAVE YOU
SERIOUSLY
BECOME
A PIECE
OF JUNK
OR
WHAT?



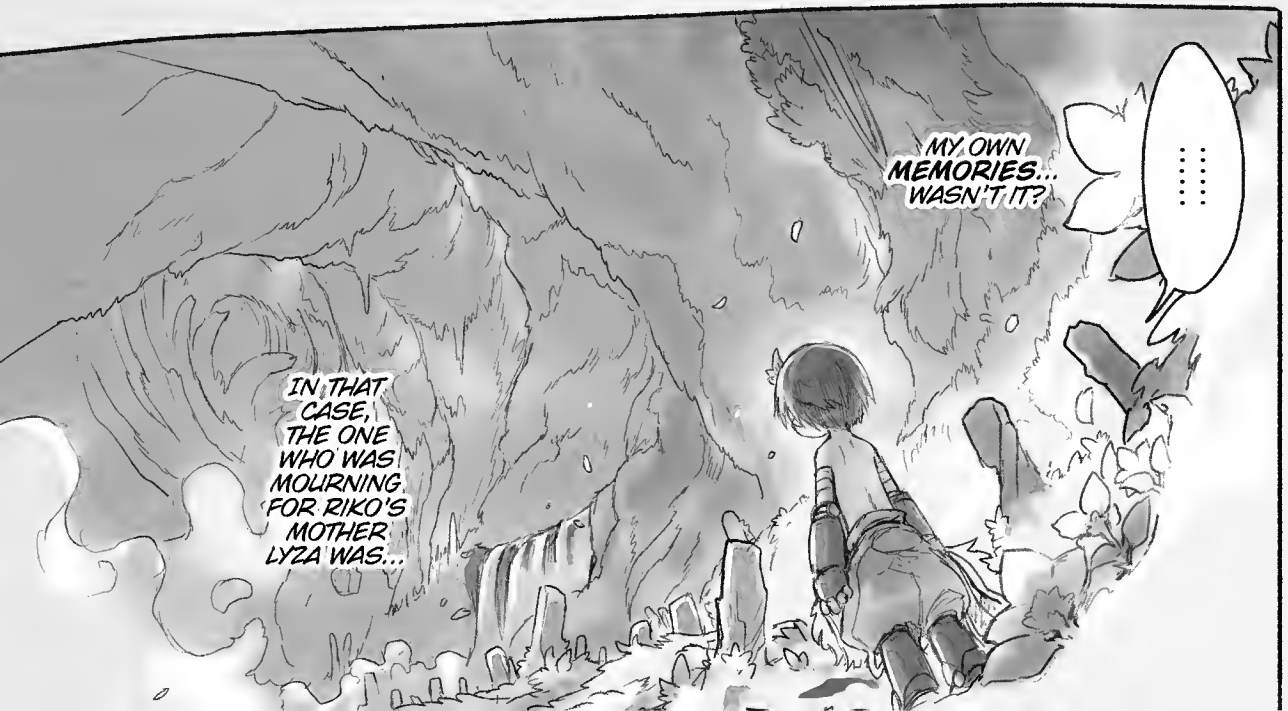
ALSO,
THAT
VOICE...

IF I'M NOT
MISTAKEN...
WHAT I
SAW WAS
ONE OF
MY OWN...

IT
WASN'T
THIS
PLACE...
WAS I
JUST
SEEING
SOME
PLACE
THAT
LOOKED
SIMILAR?

WH-
WHAT
WAS
THAT
JUST
NOW?!

...



MY OWN
MEMORIES...
WASN'T IT?

...

IN THAT
CASE,
THE ONE
WHO WAS
MOURNING
FOR RIKO'S
MOTHER
LYZA WAS...





BEFORE BECOMING LIKE THIS, MITTY WAS A GIRL, TOO, YOU SEE.

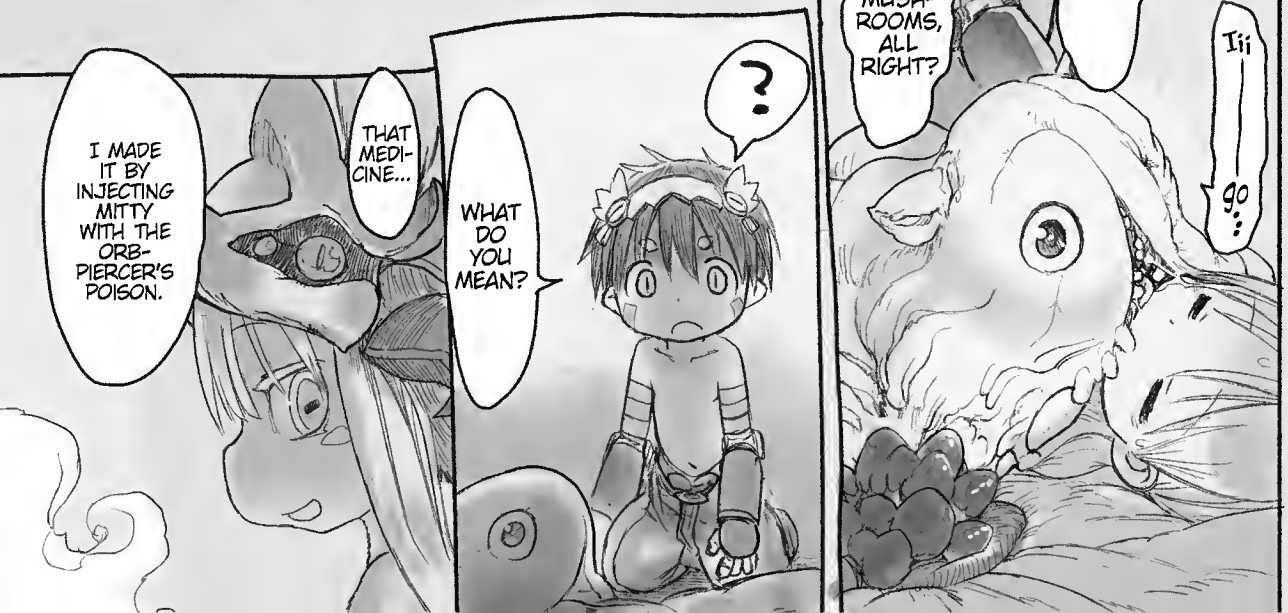
THEY'RE ABOUT THE SAME AGE, SO MAYBE MITTY TOOK A LIKING TO HER.

MITTY USUALLY DOESN'T WARM UP TO VISITORS, THOUGH.



IT WAS THANKS TO MITTY, AFTER ALL, THAT WE GOT THE POISON OUT.

SO DON'T BE HARD ON HER, OKAY?



I MADE IT BY INJECTING MITTY WITH THE ORB-PIERCER'S POISON.

THAT MEDICINE...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

?



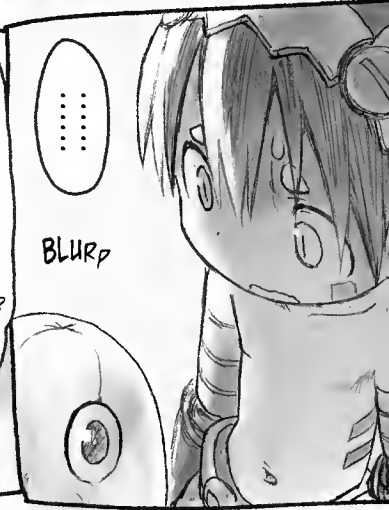
HUH?!

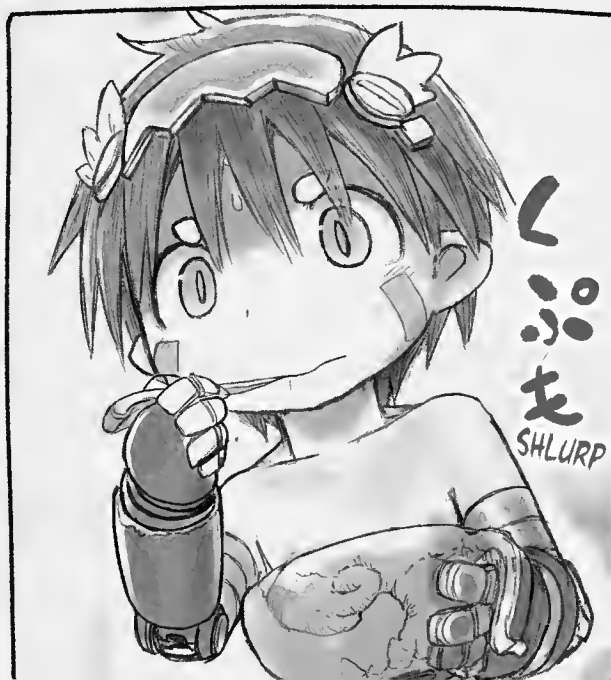
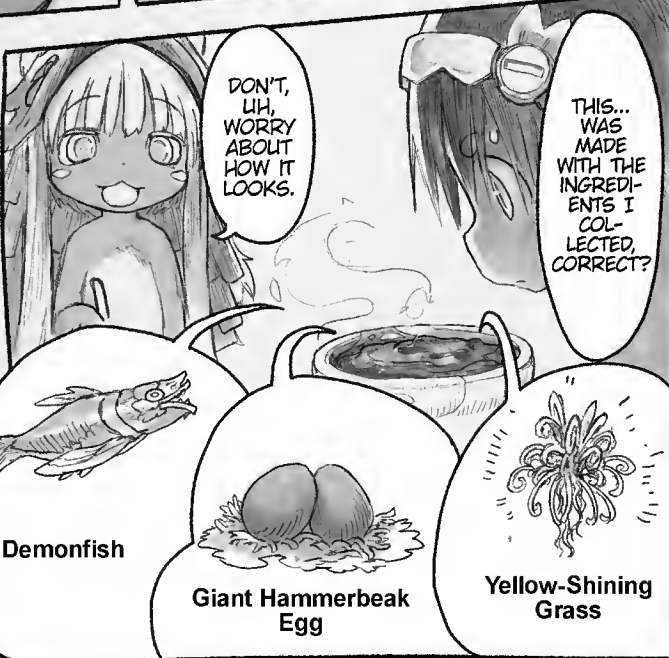
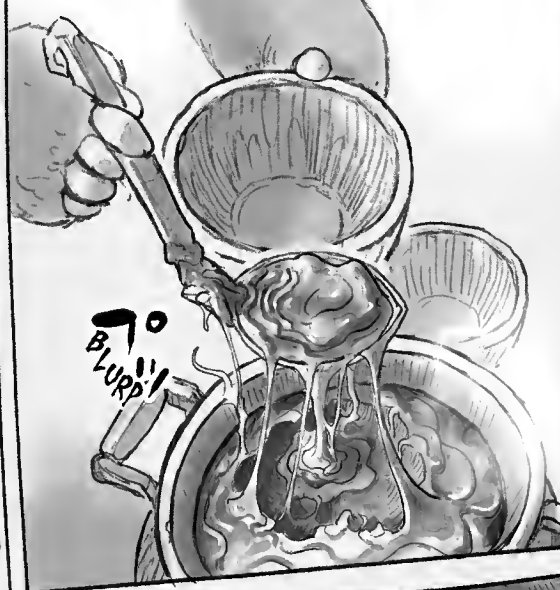
...HIZ

JUST PLEASE DON'T EAT THE MUSH-ROOMS, ALL RIGHT?

MI... MITTY ...?

Iii go...







WAS IT
REALLY
MADE
USING
THOSE
INGRE-
DIENTS?

URGH...
WHAT
THE
HECK IS
THIS...?

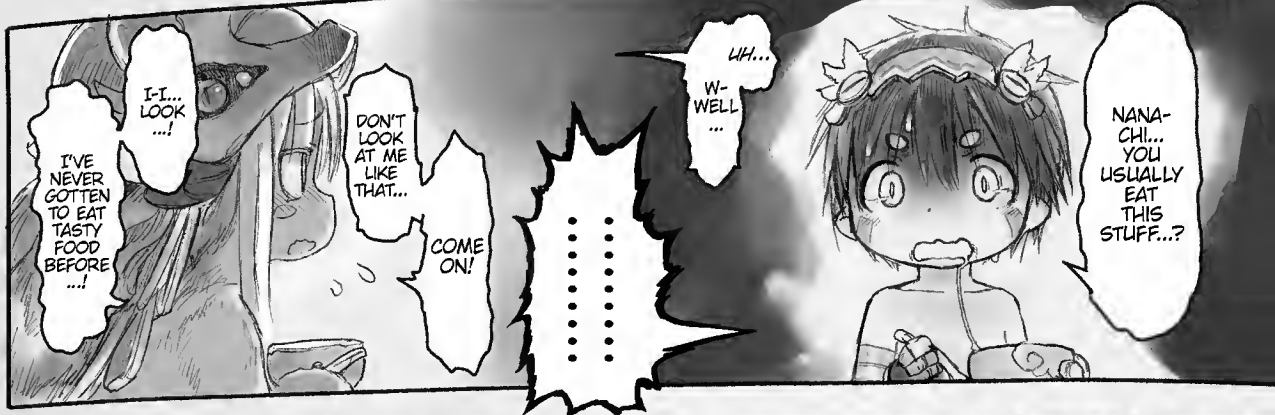
THINK YOU
...
IT'S
BAD?

HUH?
?



SOME
KIND OF
SECRE-
TION?!

Taste:
Irredeemable.



I'VE
NEVER
GOTTEN
TO EAT
TASTY
FOOD
BEFORE
...!

I-I...
LOOK
...!

DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
LIKE
THAT...

COME
ON!

W-
WELL
...

NANA-
CHI...
YOU
USUALLY
EAT
THIS
STUFF...?



I'LL
HAVE
TO
COOK!

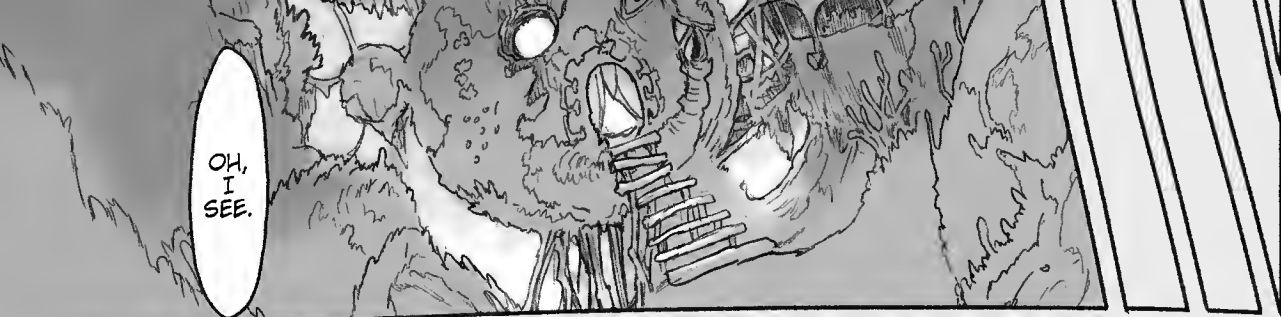
I'VE
GOT
NO
CHOICE
...



WEELL...
IF YOU
DON'T
LIKE IT,
DON'T
EAT IT.

SHE'S
REALLY
GOING
TO DIE.

IF
RIKO
WAKES
UP
AND
EATS
THIS...

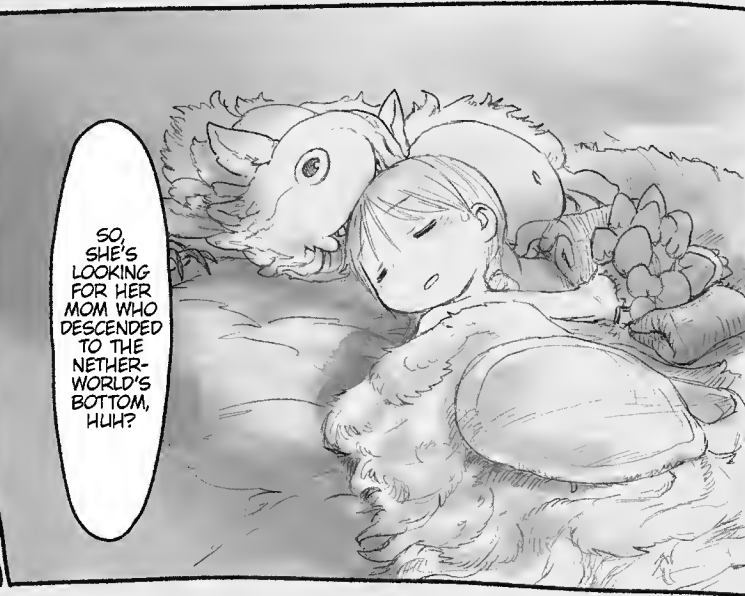


OH,
I
SEE.



AND A
PIECE
OF JUNK
WHO CAN'T
REGAIN
ANY OF HIS
IMPORTANT
MEMORIES.

STILL...
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
A GIRL
WITH AN
INSATIABLE
CURIOSITY...



SO,
SHE'S
LOOKING
FOR HER
MOM WHO
DESCENDED
TO THE
NETHER-
WORLD'S
BOTTOM,
HUH?



YOU...

YOU
KNOW
OF A WAY
TO EVADE
THE CURSE
OF THE
ABYSS,
DON'T
YOU?



...



GLOOM...

I'M
SUR-
PRISED
YOU
TWO
MADE
IT THIS
FAR.

REALLY,
THOUGH.
YOU
GUYS
WERE
IN A
HOPE-
LESS
SITUA-
TION.



TELL ME,
NANACHI...

...





SQUIRM...
もぞ...

HEY--
YOU
GET
UNDER
HERE,
TOO.

HELLO ABYSS
22
THE TRUE
NATURE OF THE
CURSE

FWUMF
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WHAT
IS?

?

IT'S
JUST LIKE
THIS, I
SUPPOSE.

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PWUFF



IT'S
BASI-
CALLY A
SUPER-
THIN
PIECE OF
CLOTH.

"FOG
WEAVE,"
A
GRADE-3
RELIC.

WHAT
IS
THIS
THING?



?!

WHAT
?!
....!



THE
TRUE
NATURE
OF "THE
CURSE
OF THE
ABYSS."

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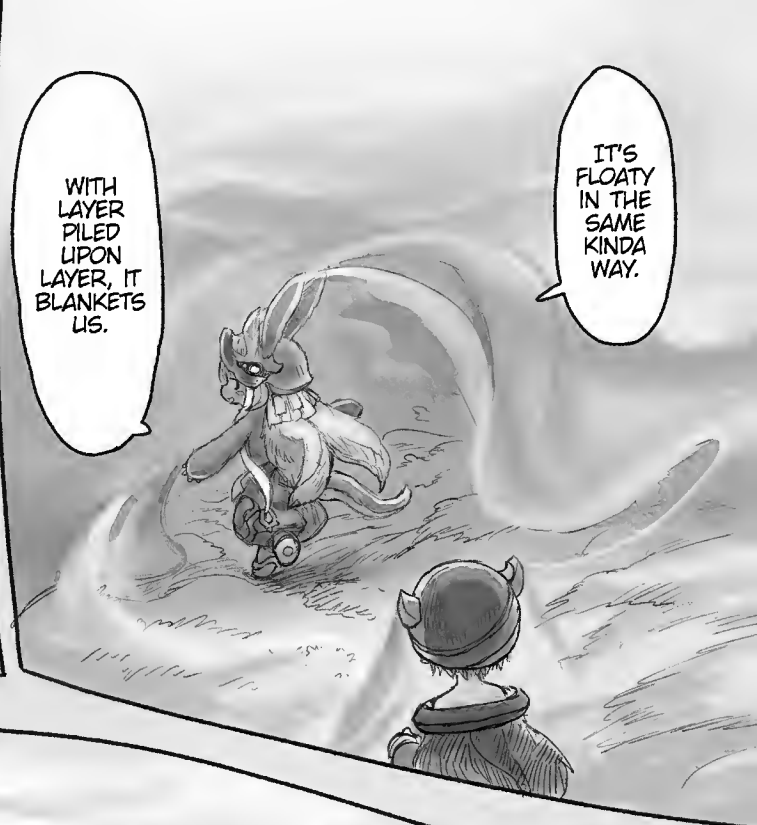
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CAN'T SEE IT, EITHER.

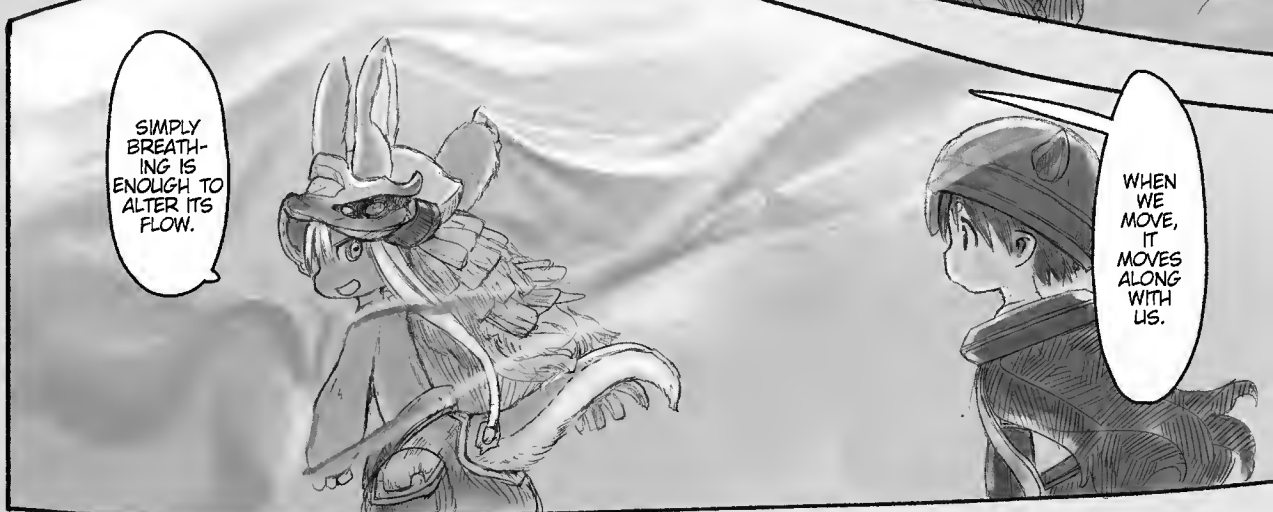
EVEN IF YOU TOUCH IT, YOU WON'T FEEL IT...

SHFF



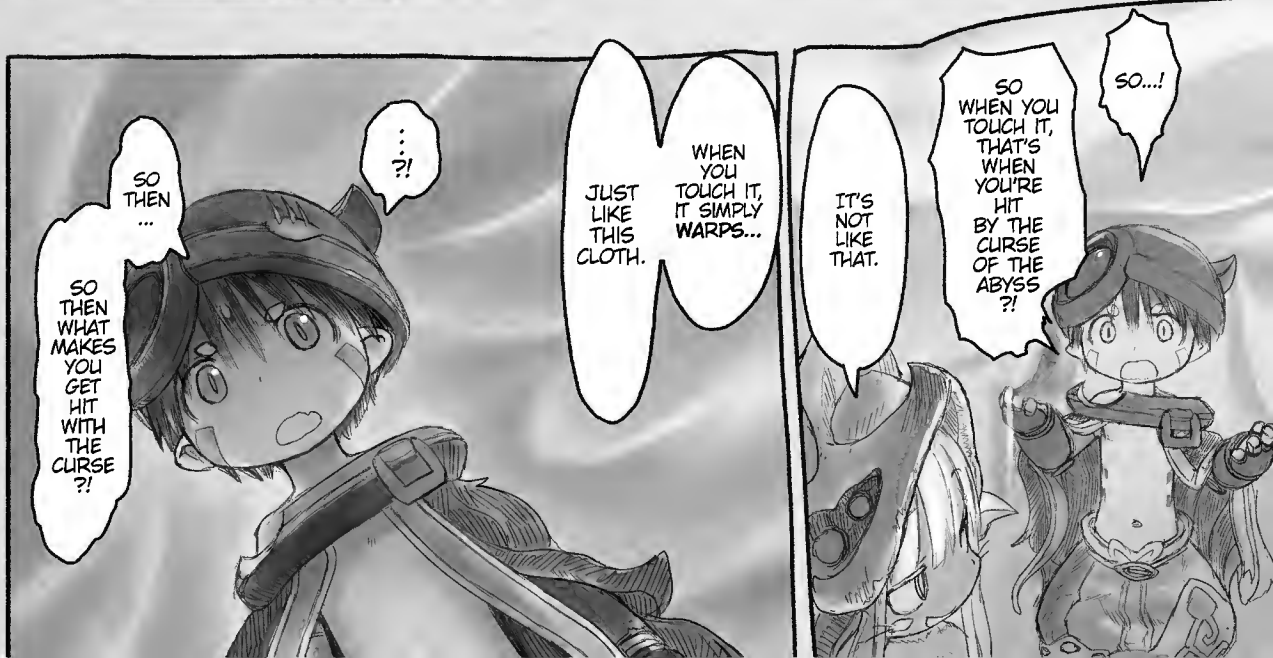
WITH LAYER PILED UPON LAYER, IT BLANKETS US.

IT'S FLOATY IN THE SAME KINDA WAY.



SIMPLY BREATHING IS ENOUGH TO ALTER ITS FLOW.

WHEN WE MOVE, IT MOVES ALONG WITH US.



SO THEN WHAT MAKES YOU GET HIT WITH THE CURSE ?!

SO THEN ...

... ?!

JUST LIKE THIS CLOTH.

WHEN YOU TOUCH IT, IT SIMPLY WARPS...

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.

SO WHEN YOU TOUCH IT, THAT'S WHEN YOU'RE HIT BY THE CURSE OF THE ABYSS ?!

SO...!



IT'S JUST LIKE A TRAP FOR CATCHING PREY.

BUT IT'S FLOW IS SIMILAR TO INVERTED THORNS, SO YOU CAN'T GET OUT ONCE YOU'VE ENTERED.

WHEN COMING FROM ABOVE, YOU JUST SLIP THROUGH.

WEEELL...

WH-WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DESCEND?!

SLIP!



IT'S THE "FORCE FIELD."

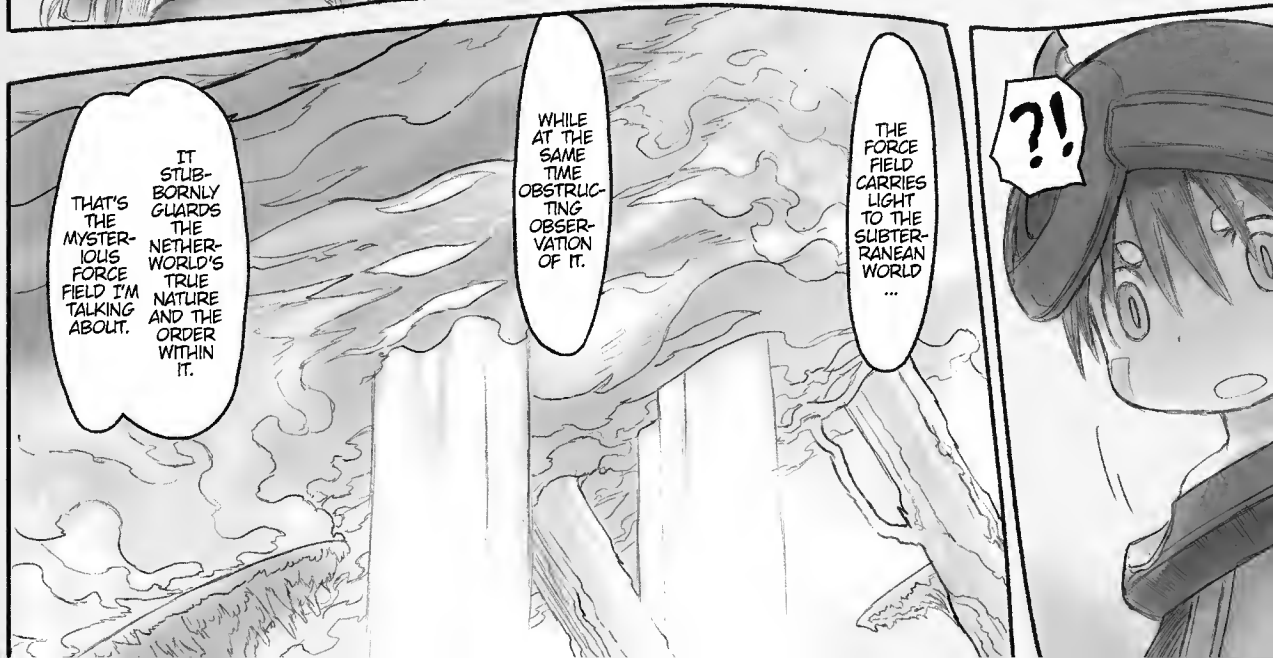
STILL DON'T GET IT?



THAT MALICE-FILLED FLOATY THING, I MEAN.

WHAT EXACTLY IS IT?

.....



THAT'S THE MYSTERIOUS FORCE FIELD I'M TALKING ABOUT.

IT STUBBORNLY GUARDS THE NETHERWORLD'S TRUE NATURE AND THE ORDER WITHIN IT.

WHILE AT THE SAME TIME OBSTRUCTING OBSERVATION OF IT.

THE FORCE FIELD CARRIES LIGHT TO THE SUBTERRANEAN WORLD ...

?!

THERE'S NOWHERE TO ESCAPE FROM IT.

AND THAT'S THE TRUE NATURE OF THE CURSE OF THE ABYSS.

FILLING EVERY CORNER OF THIS PIT, IT'S THE VERY BLOOD OF THE ABYSS, SO TO SPEAK.

WELL, I SUPPOSE THERE AREN'T MANY PLACES AS STABLE AS THIS ONE.

AFTER DESCENDING DOWN THIS FAR, DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEWHAT OF A FEEL FOR IT?

THE FORCE FIELD GETS WEAKER THE FARTHER AWAY YOU GET FROM THE VERTICAL SHAFT.

SO THAT'S WHY IT'S ALSO LIKE THAT AROUND THE SEEKER CAMP, HUH?

.....!

?

IT EVEN RESPONDS TO ONE'S VERY CONSCIOUSNESS AND ALTERS ITS FLOW.

IS SENSITIVE TO THE MOVEMENTS OF LIVING THINGS. ALSO, THE FORCE FIELD...

B-BUT... NANACHI, DIDN'T YOU SAY THE CURSE WASN'T PRESENT AROUND YOUR HIDE-OUT?!

N N A ...

I TOOK GREAT PAINS TO FIND THIS PLACE.



IT CAN
ACTUALLY
PREDICT
THE
FUTURE.

THE
ORB-
PIERCER
DOESN'T
HAVE
GREAT
INTUITION
...



WHILE
ALSO
GOING UP
AGAINST
PREDATORS
THAT CAN
PREDICT
THE
FUTURE.

SO,
CHALLENGING
THE NETHER-
WORLD'S
BOTTOM
MEANS
CONTINUING
ON A PATH
BRIMMING
WITH A
DEADLY
CURSE...

PRE-
TY
FUN,
HUH?

THE
FORCE
FIELD
GETS
DENSER
AND
STRONGER
THE
DEEPER
YOU GO.



BUT...
THERE
IS ONE
THING
I KNOW.

WHO
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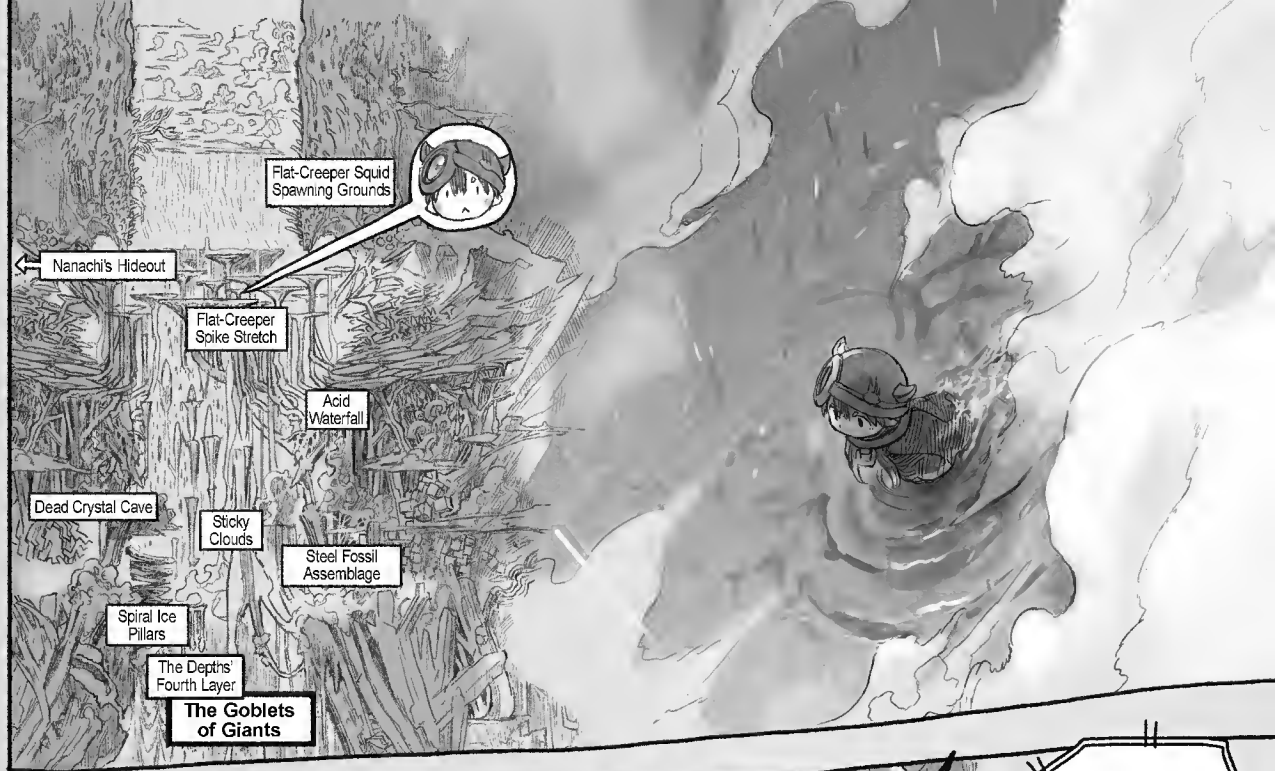
H-
HOW
IN THE
WORLD
DO CAVE
RAIDERS
MANAGE
TO STILL
PRESS
ON...?!

DO
YOU
GET IT?
IF YOU
CAN READ
SOMETHING'S
CONSCIOUS-
NESS,
YOU CAN
ANTICIPATE
ITS MOVE-
MENTS.



IT'S
VISIBLE TO
ALL THE
PREDATORS
OF THE
DEPTHS...







WANNA
TRY
RES-
CUING
OUR
NEW
VISITOR?

THIS IS
PER-
FECT.



DON'T
DO
IT!!

WHA...?!
A CHILD?!
RIDICU-
LOUS...!



JUDGING
BY THE
STUFF
HE WAS
CARRYING,
HE WAS
HEADED
BACK ON
HIS OWN
WHEN HE GOT
AMBUSHED.

THAT'S
A BLACK
WHISTLE.

YOU
MUSTN'T
GET
ANY
CLOS-
ER!!



OF
COURSE!

OF...

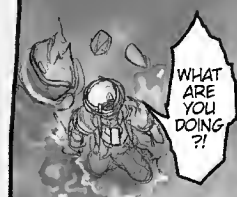


WHERE'S YOUR REPLY?

IF YOU DO THAT, WE CAN DISPOSE OF ORBY AND SAVE THAT GUY, TOO.

DOZ...

GOT IT!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



HUMPH.

WELL, ALL RIGHT THEN.

LISTEN, DON'T FORGET...

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU DO EXACTLY AS I SAY.

ALL RIGHT. THEN I'LL SHOW YOU...

THE WORLD AS I SEE IT.

KYARI!

KYARI!



WHA ...?! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

LOOK UP AND COMPLETELY COMMIT TO IT.

OKAY, TO START...

?!

KYARI!

KYARI!



ALSO, STOP QUESTIONING ME!

GYU

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT THING.

Riiii!

YEP.
REALLY COMMIT TO IT, OKAY?

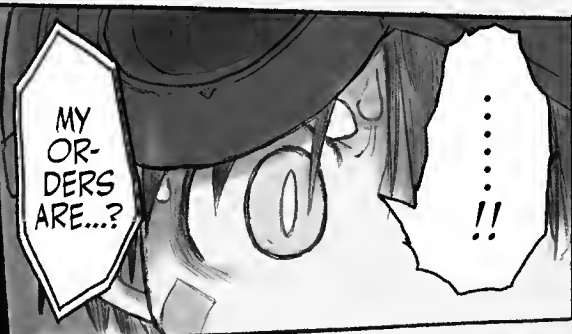
B-BUT ...!



IRRE-DEEM-ABLE!

NOW JUMP TO THE RIGHT!

ZZZ



MY ORDERS ARE...?

...
!!



A...

ABSO-LUTE!!



BUNII
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ABSOLUTELY
DO NOT
LET GO.

YOU
GRABBED
IT,
RIGHT?

WHOAAA!

BUNII
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Clamor!

BASHAA



THAT
THING
YOU'VE
GRABBED
ONTO
IS THE
ORGAN
IT USES
TO SENSE
THE
FORCE
FIELD.

WITH-
OUT
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LINE.

PWAASH!

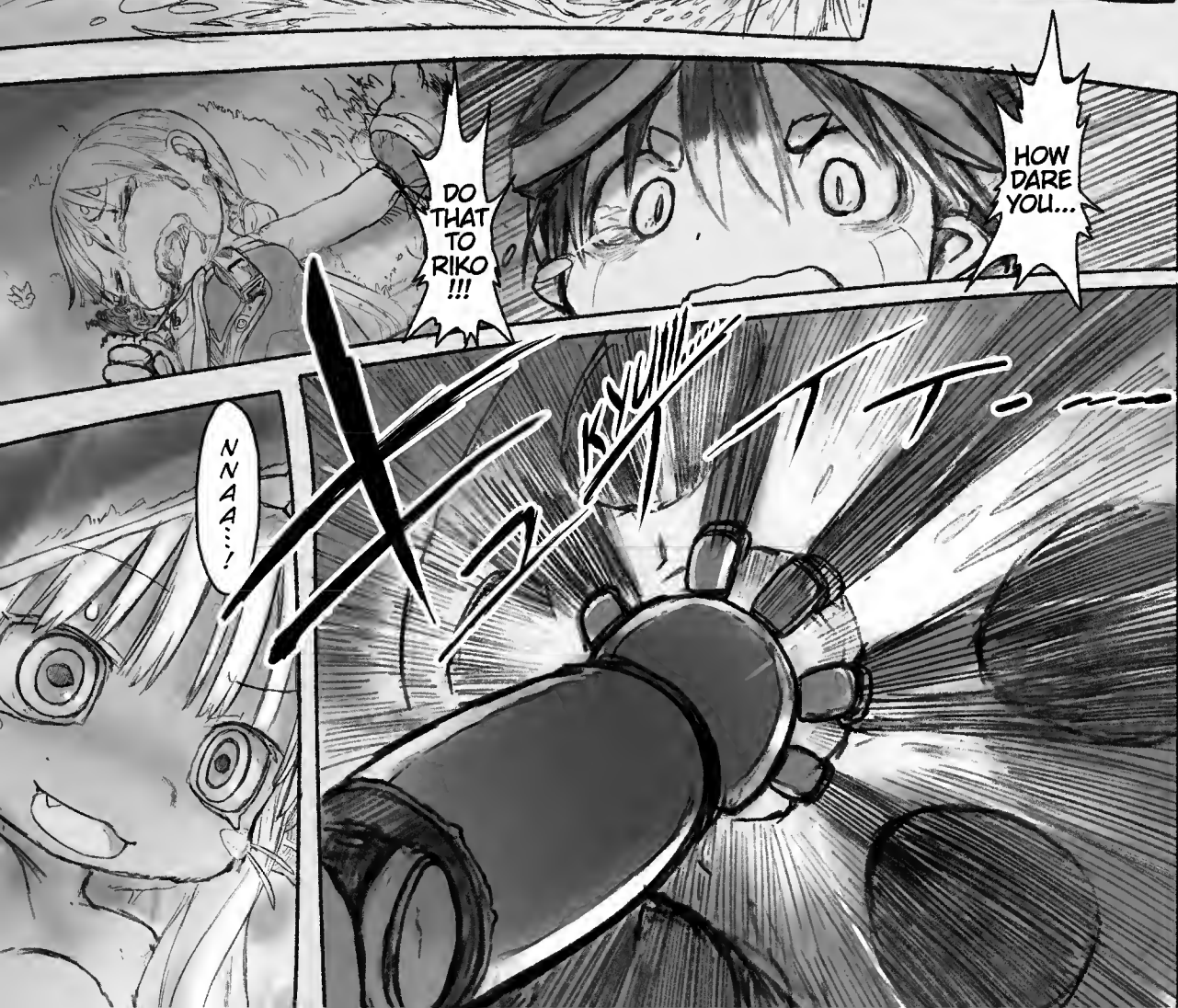
IT'LL GO
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NOW
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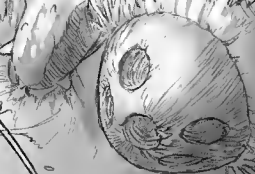


ZURU...



IT
SHED
ITS
SPINES
?!

?!
?







MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY--
GET
BACK
HERE
ASAP!



IT HAD
TO EJECT
EIGHTY
PERCENT
OF ITS
SPINES. IT
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
HUNT HERE
ANYMORE.



DON'T
GET
TOO
CLOSE
TO HIM!



H-
HEY.



.....
!



NOW
THAT
ORBY
IS
GONE...



PLEASE
RELAY
A MES-
SAGE
FOR ME?

COULD
YOU...



WHAT
ARE YOU
...?

IT'S CAVE
RAIDERS
THAT
PRESENT
THE MOST
DANGER
TO US!



WELL....

YOU DIDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT ME, SO I DON'T REALLY MIND...

I'M SORRY ...



IF PEOPLE FIND OUT THEY'RE CONNECTED TO YOU, IT COULD SPELL TROUBLE.

BUT YOU SURE THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA? THAT, UH, PERSON AT BELCHERO ORPHANAGE...



SAY THAT ...

WE ARE STILL CONTINUING OUR ADVENTURE.



I WISH YOU'D COME WITH US TO THE BOTTOM OF THE NETHER-WORLD.

IN ANY CASE, THAT WAS PRETTY AMAZING, NANA-CHI!



I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU.

WELL, ACTUALLY ...



I ASKED HIM TO TELL THE MOST DEPEND-ABLE PERSON I KNOW.

IT'LL BE FINE.



HELLO ABYSS
23
A DREADFUL
EXPERIMENT

N N A A :

BUT IT
DOESN'T
APPEAR
HE'S
BEEN
POISONED.

HIS
BELLY
BUTTON
LOOKS
LIKE IT
HURTS...

WHAT
WAS THAT
ALL OF A
SUDDEN...?
HE WAS
LIKE, "I'M
GOING TO
SLEEP FOR
JUST TWO
HOURS."

HE MUST
BE LIKE
THIS
'CAUSE
HE FIRED
THAT
THING.

.....

D R A G

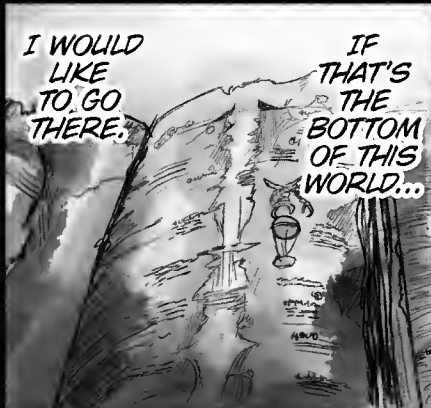
D R A G

I'VE
FINALLY
FOUND
IT,
MITTY...

FINAL-
LY...



HOW
NICE
IT'D
BE...



I WOULD
LIKE
TO GO
THERE.

IF
THAT'S
THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS
WORLD...



HOW
NICE
IT'D
BE...



I'VE
COME
HERE IN
SEARCH OF
CHILDREN
SUITABLE
FOR
FORGING
A PATH
TO THE
NETHER-
WORLD'S
NEXT
ERA.



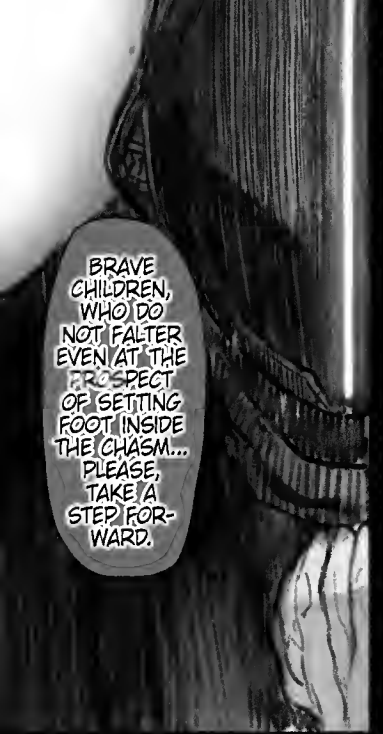
NOW, I
BELIEVE
IT'S
TIME FOR
A NEW
APPROACH
THAT'S
FREE
FROM THE
INFLUENCE
OF CON-
VENTIONAL
WISDOM.

SER-
ENY,
THE
CHIEF
TERRI-
TORY
OF THE
FAR
NORTH
...



WHAT'S
HE
DOING
IN A
PLACE
LIKE
THIS?

I HEAR
HE'S A
CAVE
RAIDER
FROM
THE
ABYSS!



BRAVE CHILDREN, WHO DO NOT FALTER EVEN AT THE PROSPECT OF SETTING FOOT INSIDE THE CHASM... PLEASE, TAKE A STEP FORWARD.

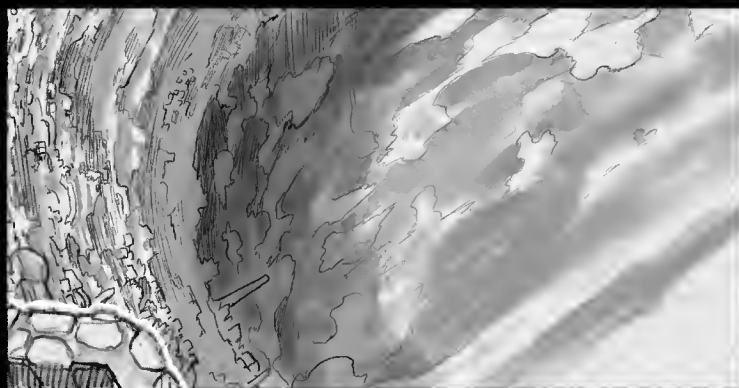


A CAVE RAIDER OF THE ABYSS AND A WHITE WHISTLE.

I AM BON-DREWD...



I'M REALLY HERE NOW...



FEAR NOT, FOR MY TEAM OF CAVE RAIDERS WILL ESCORT YOU THROUGHOUT THE JOURNEY.

NOW, EVERYONE-- COME AND BOARD THE VESSEL.



COME ON, LET'S DO IT!



GET LOST, STUPID!

SHUT UP!

SO, WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES, HUH?



LIES THE
NETHER-
WORLD'S
FORWARD
OPERATING
BASE,
WHERE
WE STRIVE
TO UNRAVEL
THE FINAL
MYSTERIES
OF THIS
WORLD.

THERE,
IN THE
DEPTH'S
FIFTH
LAYER,
"THE
SEAT OF
CORPSES"
...

YOUR
DESTINA-
TION
IS 'AT A
DEPTH OF
AROUND
13,000
METERS



HEY,
YOU!



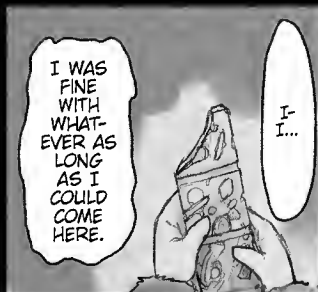
THIS
TASTES
SO
BLAND...

CRUNCH
CRUNCH



CLONK...

WHRRR...



I WAS
FINE
WITH
WHAT-
EVER AS
LONG
AS I
COULD
COME
HERE.

I-I...



WHAT'S
THIS
ALL
ABOUT?

NVA...



A
WHITE
WHISTLE
RIGHT?!

LEAN

WHAT
DO
YOU
WANT
TO
BE?!



THAT'S
A
GREAT
SKILL
TO
HAVE!

THERE'S
NOTHING
BUT
TREAS-
URES
TO PICK
UP
DOWN
HERE!



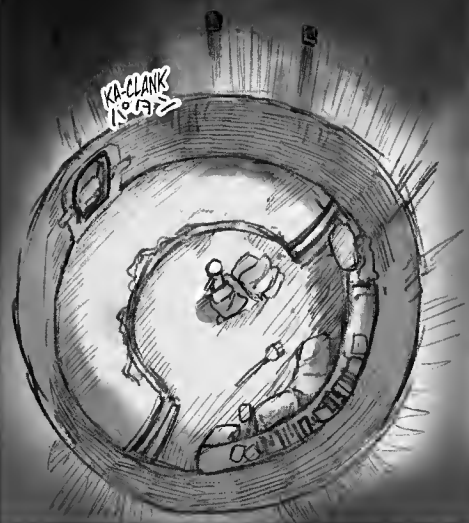
BUT I
DIDN'T
HAVE
THE
TALENT
FOR
ANY-
THING
ELSE.

BEFORE,
I'D GO TO
GARBAGE
DUMPS
AND PICK
OUT THE
LEAST
DISGUSTING
STUFF TO EAT.
EVERYONE ELSE
RESORTED TO
STEALING OR
BEGGING WHILE
SINGING SONGS
ON THE
STREETS...

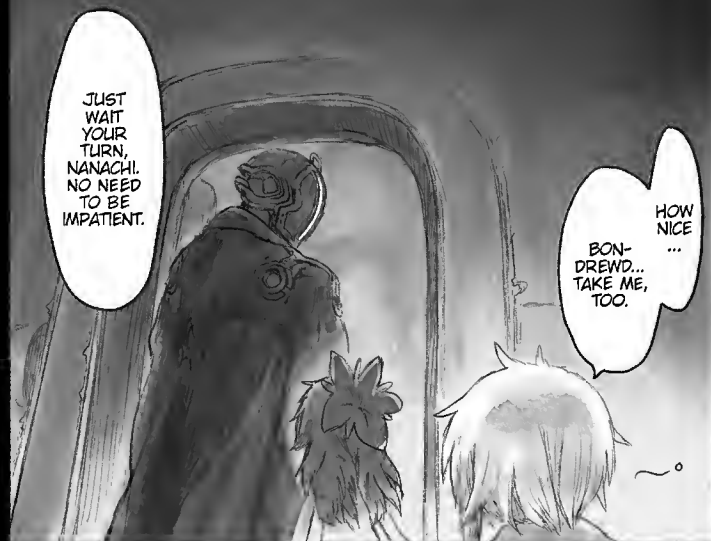








JUST
WAIT
YOUR
TURN,
NANACHI.
NO NEED
TO BE
IMPATIENT.



HOW
NICE
...
BON-
DREWD...
TAKE ME,
TOO.



BRINGING
SO MANY
PEOPLE
DOWN TO
THE FIFTH
LAYER LIKE
THIS...
EVEN
CHILDREN
FROM
OVER-
SEAS...!



SOVER-
EIGN OF
DAWN!
WHAT
IN THE
WORLD
ARE YOU
THINK-
ING?!



I
WANNA
GO
OUTSIDE
SOON,
TOO.

YOU'RE
SO
LUCKY,
MITTY...



FOR I AM
NOT
MAKING
USE OF
THEM AS
HUMANS,
YOU SEE.
CARE
TO
HAVE A
LOOK?

AH,
THEN
THERE
IS NO
NEED
TO
WORRY.



WELL,
IT'D BE
DIFFERENT
IF THEY
WERE CAVE
RAIDERS,
BUT TAKING
CHILDREN,
WHO'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
RETURN
GIVEN THE
STRAIN OF
DOING SO,
IS SIMPLY...
FROM A
HUMANI-
TARIAN
PERSPEC-
TIVE--

WHY
BRING
THIS
UP
NOW?
IT'S
ALSO
FOR
THIS
VERY
PUR-
POSE
THAT I
PRO-
POSED
BLACK
WHISTLES
ENTER
THE
FIFTH
LAYER.



MITTY?
WHERE
ARE
YOU...





THE
SIXTH
LAYER'S
CURSE:
"DEATH,
OR LOSS
OF ONE'S
HUMAN-
ITY"...
I'D SURE
LIKE
TO DO
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
IT.

IT'S JUST THE PERFECT DEPTH FOR TESTING OUT A NUMBER OF THINGS, YOU SEE.

IT'S MY OWN MINIATURE GARDEN.

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IT'S MY OWN MINIATURE GARDEN.

ALTHOUGH ITS DESTINATION IS NO MORE THAN A DEAD END...

THAT ELEVATOR...
IS CAPABLE OF QUICKLY REACHING THE DEPTHS' SIXTH LAYER JUST BELOW US.

BLIT,
AS, YOU
TWO
ARE
SUCH
CLOSE
FRIENDS,
I'M SURE
THIS
SHALL
BE A
SUCCESS.

I
REGRET
HAVING
TO USE
TWO
ADOR-
ABLE,
LITTLE
BEINGS
SUCH AS
YOUR-
SELVES
...

HOW-
EVER,
NANACHI
JUST
HAP-
PENED
TO
COME
JOIN
US.

ATTEMPTS
THAT
PAIRED
A PER-
SON
WITH
SOME-
THING
SIDES
A FEL-
LOW
HUMAN
DIDN'T
GO
WELL

...



THOSE
CHAMBERS
YOU
ARE IN
ARE
CAPABLE
OF
FORCING
THE
CURSE
ALL TO
ONE
SIDE.

IF YOU DIE PART WAY THROUGH, YOUR PARTNER WILL ALSO BE HIT WITH THE CURSE.

MITTY ...

YOU WILL BE ON THE SIDE TO WHICH THE CURSE IS DRIVEN. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ENDURE IT, OKAY?

IF YOU DIE PART WAY THROUGH, YOUR PARTNER WILL ALSO BE HIT WITH THE CURSE.

MITTY ...

YOU WILL BE ON THE SIDE TO WHICH THE CURSE IS DRIVEN. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ENDURE IT, OKAY?

IT WILL BE THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

THE RESULT OF THIS RESEARCH WILL GIVE BIRTH TO THE CLUE NEEDED TO DRIVE THE DARKNESS FROM THIS CHASM.

HEAVENS NO.

SO, YOU'RE SAYING... YOU TRICKED US?!

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SO, YOU'RE SAYING... YOU TRICKED US?!

PLEASE
SAVE US.

GOD...

PLEASE
SAVE US.

GOD...

I
FOUND A
TREASURE
I HOLD
DEAR.



I
FINALLY
FOUND
IT.

PLEASE
DON'T
TAKE HER
AWAY
FROM
ME...!



PLEASE...



LET
MY
SOUL
RE-
TURN
TO
YOU,
NANA-
CHI...

PLEASE...

SO,
IF I
END UP
NOT
BEING
HUMAN
ANY-
MORE
...

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT...
I'LL
ENDURE
THIS...

NANACHI...

BUCHI

TO4
BUCHI

BUCHI

EN...

BACHI

BUCHI

BUCHI

BUCHI

HIIN
...!

BUCHI

BUCHI

GA-KUN

HYANH...

THAT...

「JERK...」

The ZAWA logo, featuring the word "ZAWA" in a bold, stylized font with a thick black outline, set against a dark, textured background.





YOU
SURE
ARE
ADOR-
ABLE,
AREN'T
YOU?

AS
USUAL
I SEE
YOU'RE
DRAWING
INSTEAD
OF HELPING
WITH THE
RESEARCH.

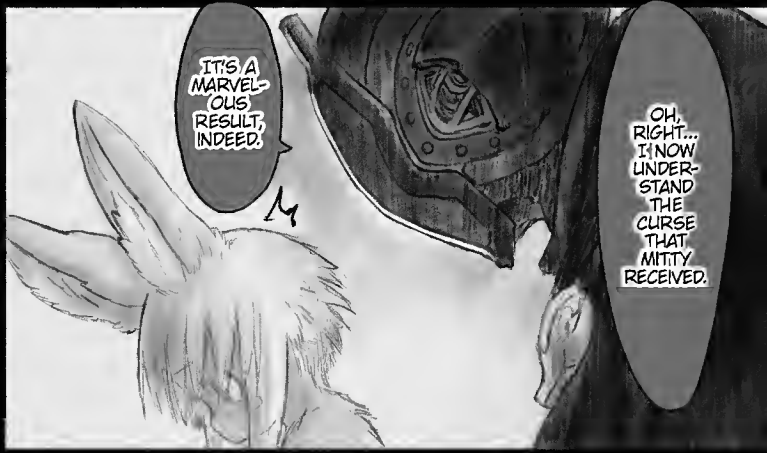


NANA-
CHI!



THE
ABYSS
TRULY IS
ASTON-
ISHING.

FOR
IT TO
PRODUCE
SUCH A
BYPROD-
UCT...



IT'S A
MARVEL-
LOUS
RESULT,
INDEED.

OH,
RIGHT...
I NOW
UNDER-
STAND
THE
CURSE
THAT
MITTY
RECEIVED.



BUT
ALSO
MADE
HER
INCAPABLE
OF DYING.



DID
NOT
JUST
CAUSE
THE LOSS
OF HER
HUMAN-
ITY...

THE
CURSE,
WHICH
SHE
RECEIVED
TWO FOLD...



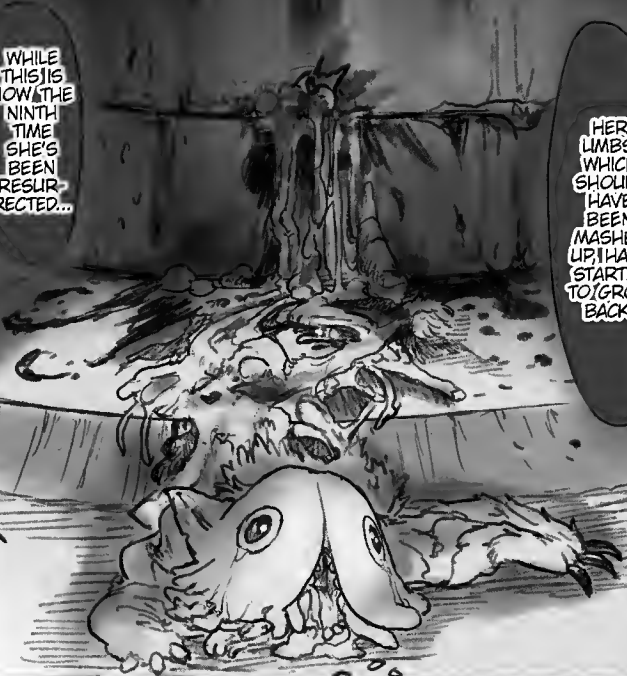
THE ONLY CHANGE IS THAT HER FORM BECOMES SLIGHTLY MORE DISTORTED WITH EACH ITERATION.

WHILE THIS IS NOW THE NINTH TIME SHE'S BEEN RESURRECTED...

HER LIMBS, WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN MASHED UP, HAVE STARTED TO GROW BACK.

PLEASE SEE FOR YOURSELF.

KOFU



I'M SORRY FOR RUNNING AWAY LIKE THIS, MITTY.

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MITTY...



KEEP DOING AS HE PLEASES.

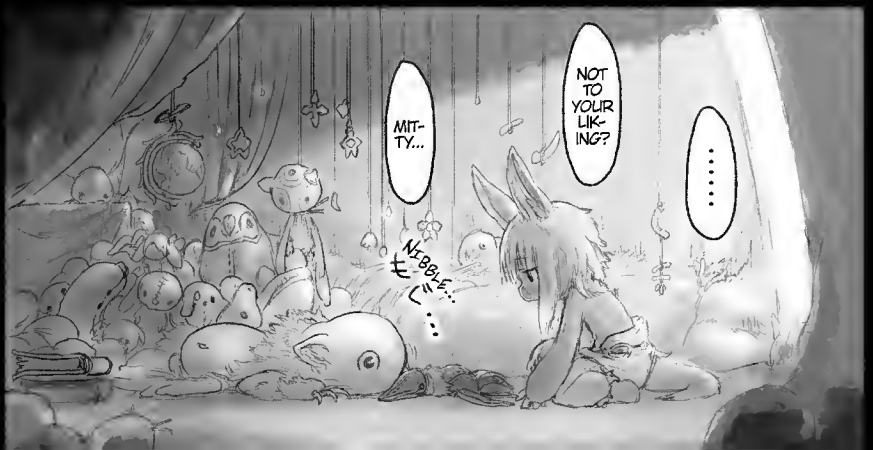
I WON'T LET HIM...

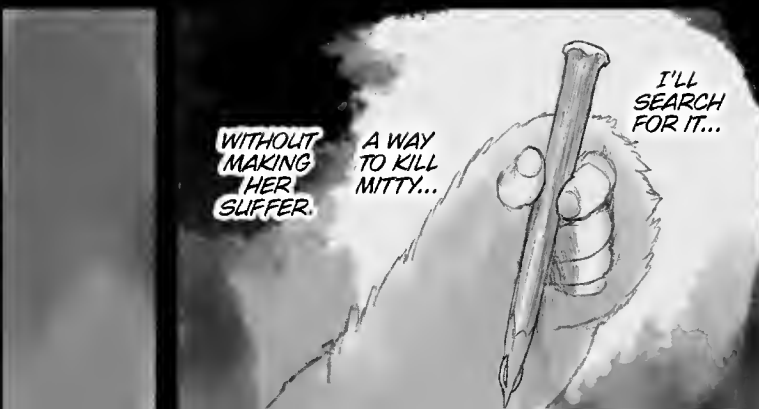
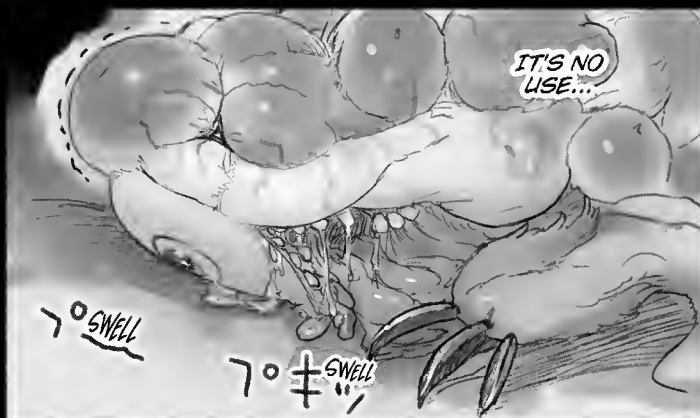
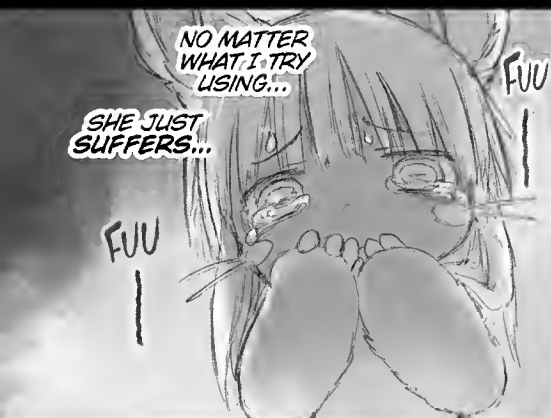
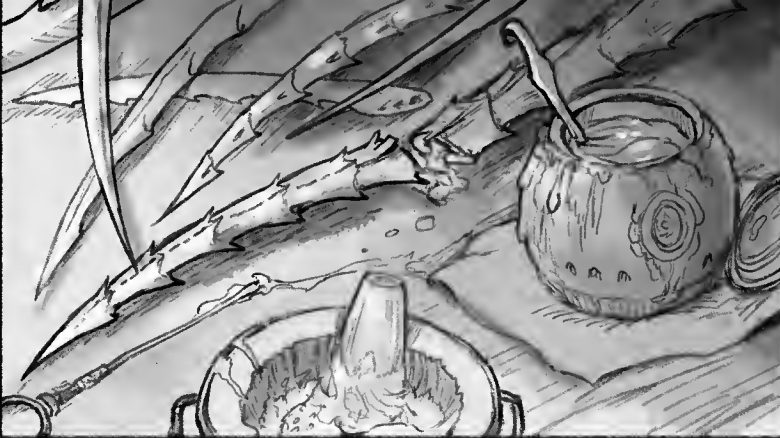


HAAH...

HAAH...









THERE
MUST
BE ONE
SOMEWHERE
OUT
THERE...

SOMEWHERE...



THERE
WAS A
CERTAIN
RELIC HE
CALLED
BY THAT
NAME.

"SPARAG-
MOS"...
THE
ESSENCE-
RETURNING
LIGHT.



AND
RIGHT
AFTER,
THE SLIR-
ROUNDING
AIR
BURNS
UP TO
NOTH-
ING...

ANY
SPOT
IT HITS
DISAPPEARS
AS IF
IT'S COME
UNRAVELED...

AND
THAT'S
THE ONLY
PART OF
HER THAT
WON'T
GROW
BACK.

ONE OF
MITTY'S
EYES WAS
SQUASHED
BY IT...



H-HOLD ON A MINUTE!!

IF YOU USE THAT THING OF YOURS... THEN MITTY...



JUST LIKE THE INCINERATOR...?!

...



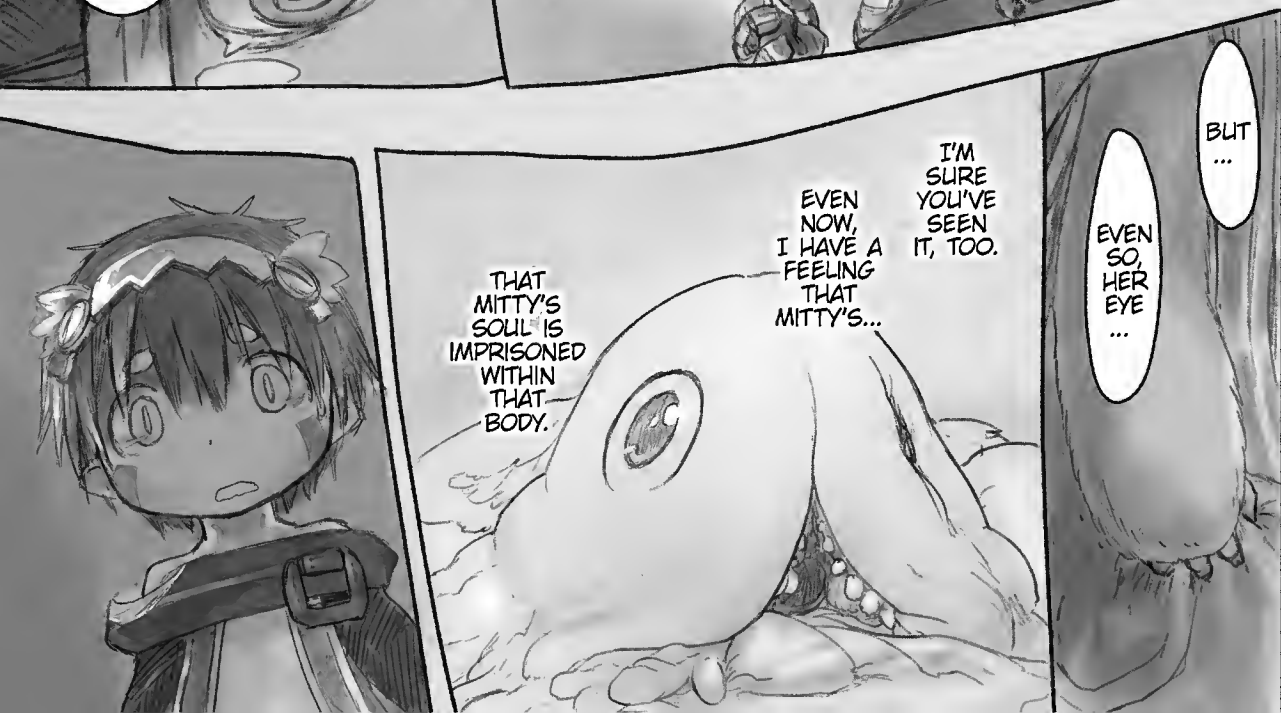
NO MATTER WHAT I TRIED, REAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US PROVED IMPOSSIBLE.

THOSE ARE JUST RE-FLEXES.

SHE RESPONDS TO PEOPLE CALLING HER, AND--

HAS MITTY TRULY LOST HER HUMANITY?!

HAS MITTY...



THAT MITTY'S SOUL IS IMPRISONED WITHIN THAT BODY.

EVEN NOW, I HAVE A FEELING THAT MITTY'S...

I'M SURE YOU'VE SEEN IT, TOO.

EVEN SO, HER EYE ...

BUT ...





BUT
JUST NOW...
YOU APPEARED
SO FRAGILE.

I THOUGHT
OF YOU AS
BEING SO
DEPENDABLE...



NANACHI...



WHAT
WOULD
BECOME
OF YOU...?

IF I
KILL
MITTY...

WHAT...



ORB-PIERCER



THIS LARGE PREDATOR INHABITS THE FLAT-CREEPER SPIKE STRETCH IN THE DEPTHS' FOURTH LAYER.

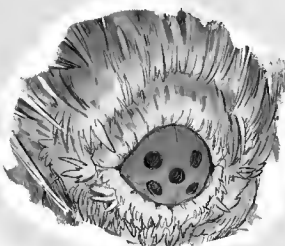
ALTHOUGH IT IS HERBIVOROUS AND EATS THINGS LIKE THE ALGAE GROWING ON THE FLAT-CREEPERS, IT IS EXTREMELY FEROCIOUS IN NATURE. THIS SINGLE SPECIMEN HAS ROBBED NO FEWER THAN A HUNDRED CAVE RAIDERS OF LIFE AND LIMB.

THE SPINES THAT COVER ITS BODY CONTAIN A LETHAL POISON. IN ADDITION, IT POSSESSES INTUITION SO SUPERB IT RESEMBLES PRECOGNITION. AN ORB-PIERCER ALSO HAS FEARSOME EXPLOSIVE POWER THAT REMAINS UNDIMINISHED EVEN WHEN STANDING IN THE WATER. ANY OF THESE ABILITIES IS ENOUGH TO INFLICT FATAL WOUNDS ON WHATEVER WILDLIFE CROSSES ITS PATH, SO IT WOULDN'T BE A MISTAKE TO SAY THIS CREATURE STANDS UNRIVALED IN THE DEPTHS' FOURTH LAYER.



ALTHOUGH THE FLAT-CREEPER SPIKE STRETCH IS A VITAL CAVE-RAIDING ROUTE, THE ORB-PIERCER HAS CLAIMED THE ENTIRE THOUSAND-METER DIAMETER OF IT AS ITS TERRITORY. WHEN PASSING THROUGH, EXERCISE THE UTMOST CAUTION AND PRAY TO THE NETHERWORLD FOR A SAFE CROSSING.

DANGER LEVEL: ★★★★★ (ABSURD)



THE ANIMAL WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED A TOKAJISHI. HOWEVER, CAVE RAIDERS BEGAN TO CALL IT AN "ORB-PIERCER," AS IT SIMULTANEOUSLY LAYS WASTE TO BOTH TREASURES (SUCH AS ORB-LIKE JEWELS) AND LIVES (THE ORB-LIKE EYES CLOSE AS THE SOUL LEAVES THE BODY). THE NAME STUCK.

THOSE FIVE HOLES...THE FORCE-FIELD-SENSING ORGAN, IS ITS ONLY WEAKNESS, BUT YOU ESSENTIALLY HAVE NO CHANCE OF TOUCHING IT SINCE THE ORB-PIERCER CAN READ YOUR MOVEMENTS. UNCOUPLE YOUR ACTIONS FROM YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND AND ATTACK WHILE ITS GUARD IS DOWN.

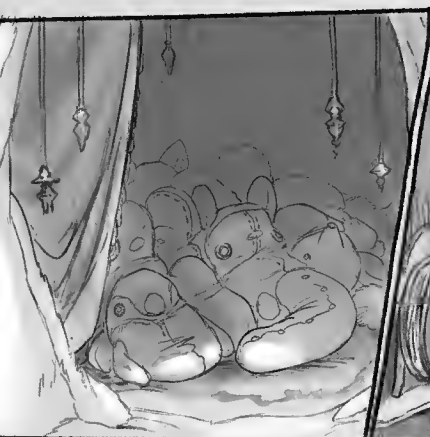


VERY
REASON
FOR
LIVING.

NANACHI'S...



HELLO ABYSS
24
LIBERATION
OF THE SOUL

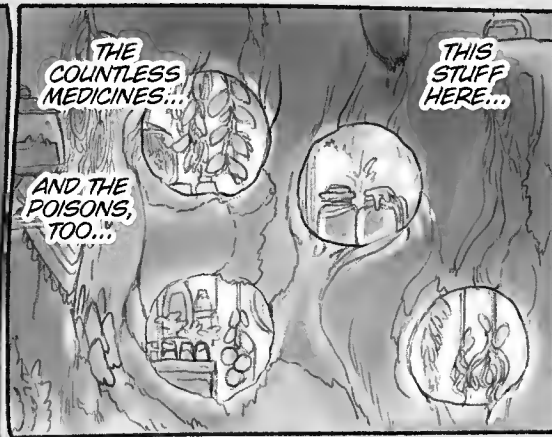


ALL
OF IT...



THE
COUNTLESS
MEDICINES...

AND THE
POISONS,
TOO...



THIS
STUFF
HERE...



SLURP...
STAR...
...



ALL
OF IT...

SLINK...

IS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF
TRYING TO
RESTORE
MITTY'S
DIGNITY.



HOW MANY
DAYS YOU
PLANNIN'
TO BE
DEPRESSED
FOR?

HEY...



CONK



ZONK...



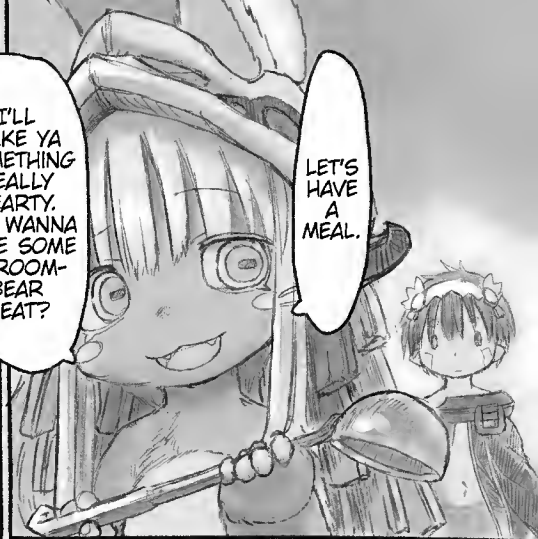
LET ME COOK!

NA::NANACHI!



GASP!
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IT'S GONNA BE ANOTHER ONE OF NANACHI'S DISHES!



I'LL MAKE YA SOMETHING REALLY HEARTY. YOU WANNA HAVE SOME SHROOM-BEAR MEAT?

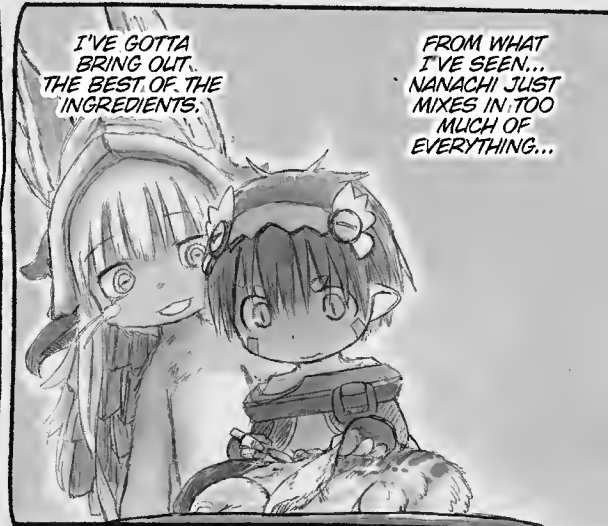
LET'S HAVE A MEAL.



I'M FINE-- JUST GO AND TAKE A SEAT!

HEY, YOU REALLY SUCK AT SKINNING, DON'T YOU?

WANT SOME HELP?



I'VE GOTTA BRING OUT THE BEST OF THE INGREDIENTS.

FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN... NANACHI JUST MIXES IN TOO MUCH OF EVERYTHING...

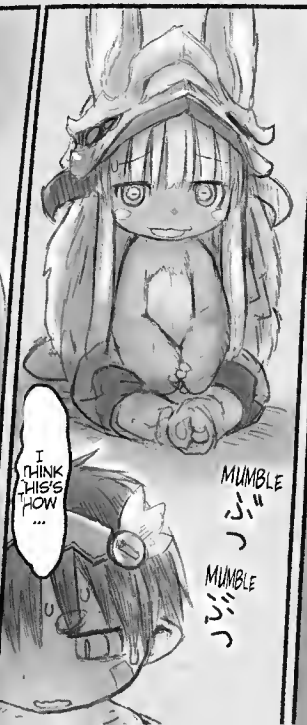


THIS HERE... AM I SUPPOSED TO RINSE IT FIRST...?

WE'LL...

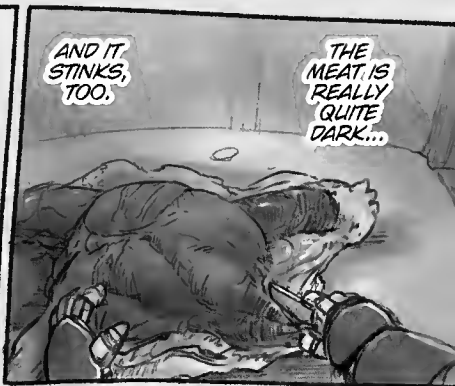
UGH... SOMETHING RIPPED OFF...

HUHP WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO THE INNARDS FIRST...?



I THINK THIS'S HOW...

MUMBLE
ふふ
ふふ
MUMBLE
ふふ
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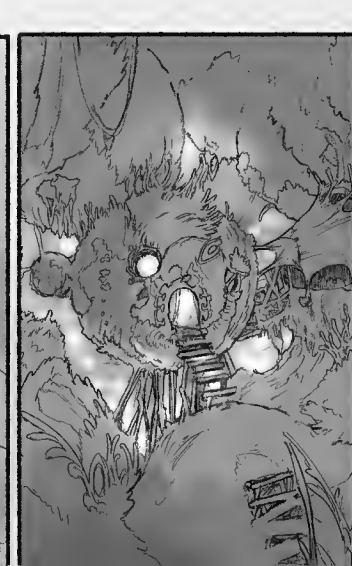
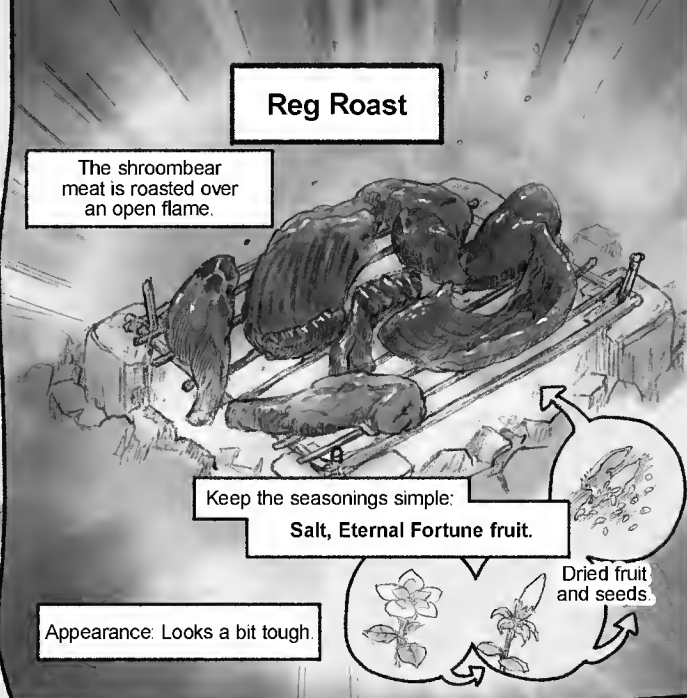
AND IT STINKS, TOO.

THE MEAT IS REALLY QUITE DARK...



HOW DID RIKO DO THIS AGAIN...? IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT... JUST CALM DOWN...

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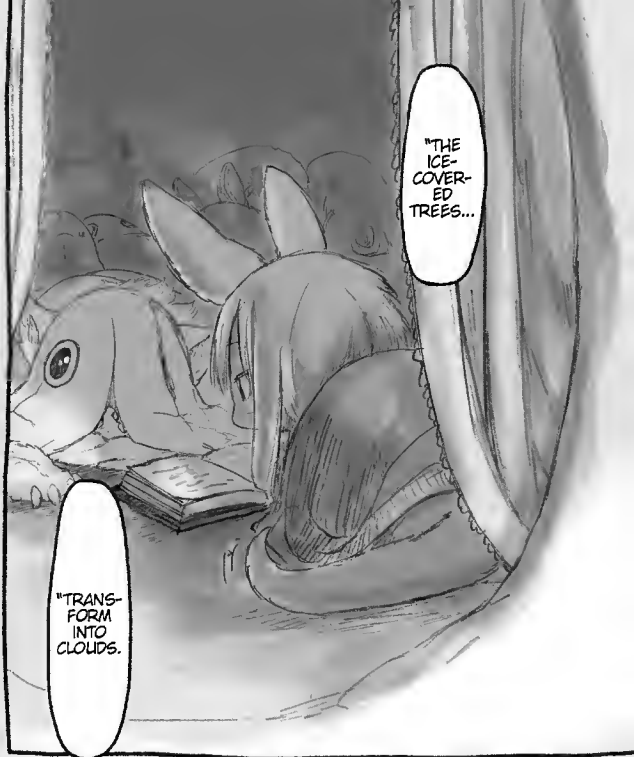


"PLEASE
KILL MITTY
FOR ME."

NANACHI
HASN'T
APPROACHED
ME ABOUT
IT AGAIN.

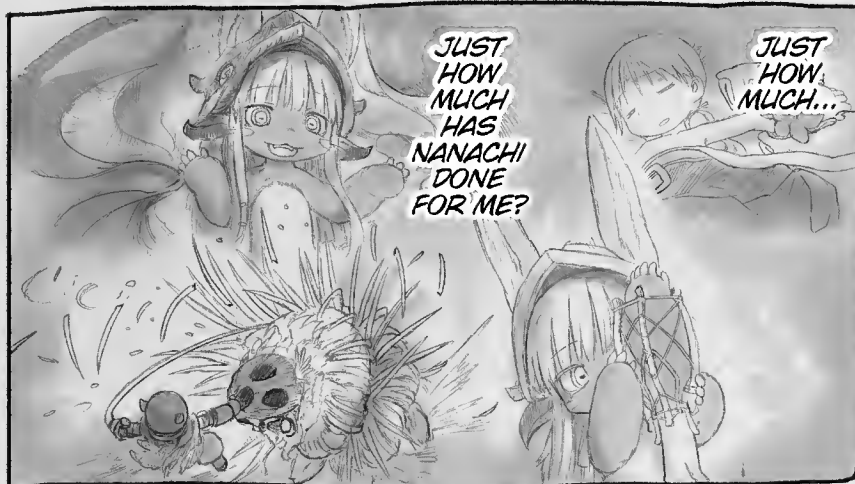
"A BIG
TURTLE
WITH ITS
NECK
STRETCH-
ED OUT
IS..."

"IN
THE
GAP
IN
THE
SKY
..."



"THE
ICE-
COVER-
ED
TREES..."

"TRANS-
FORM
INTO
CLOUDS."

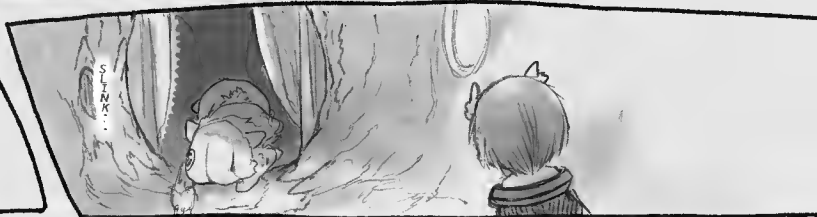


JUST
HOW
MUCH
HAS
NANACHI
DONE
FOR ME?

JUST
HOW
MUCH...



IS IT
OKAY
TO JUST
LEAVE
THINGS
AS THEY
ARE...?

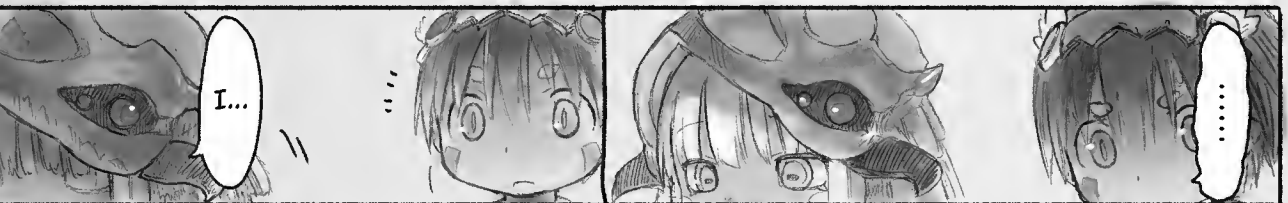


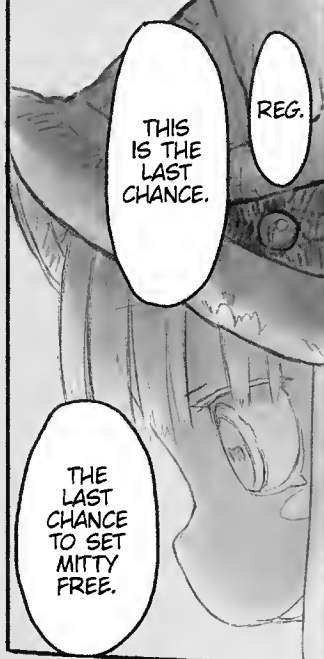
THERE'S
NO WAY
IT'S OKAY
TO LEAVE
THINGS
LIKE
THIS...

I HAVE TO
FACE THIS
HEAD ON.



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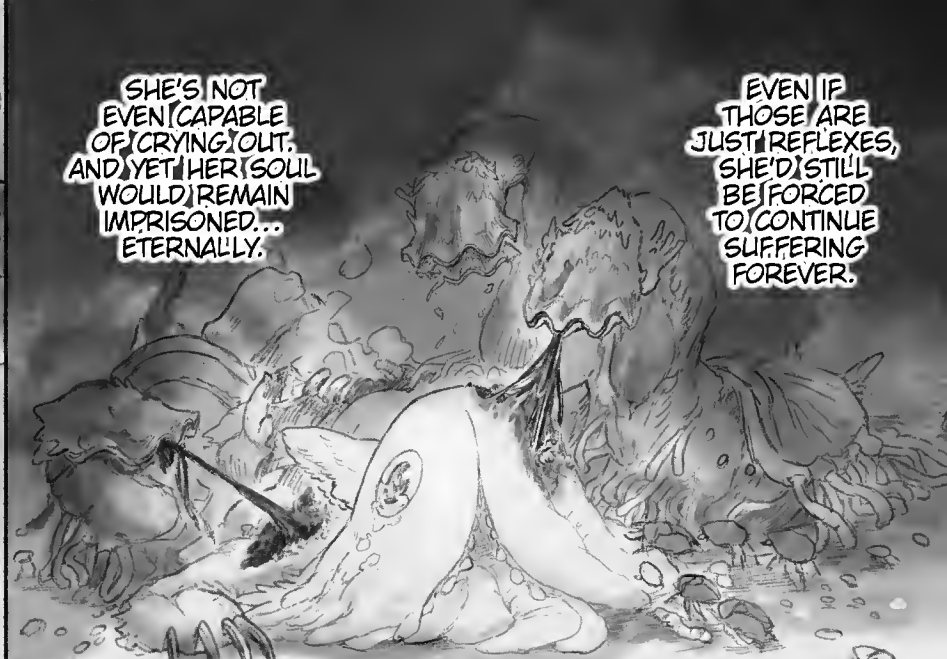




THIS
IS THE
LAST
CHANCE.

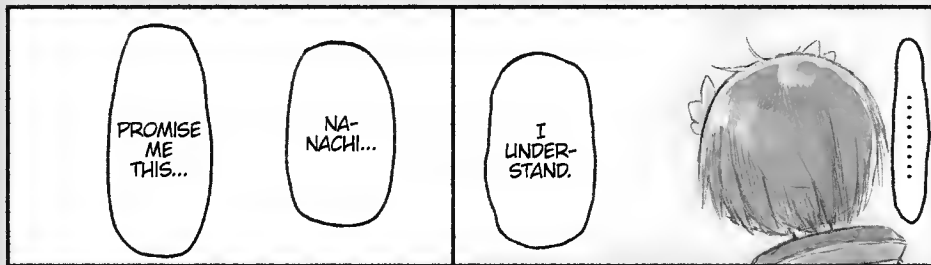
REG.

THE
LAST
CHANCE
TO SET
MITTY
FREE.



SHE'S NOT
EVEN CAPABLE
OF CRYING OUT.
AND YET HER SOUL
WOULD REMAIN
IMPRISONED...
ETERNALLY.

EVEN IF
THOSE ARE
JUST REFLEXES,
SHE'D STILL
BE FORCED
TO CONTINUE
SUFFERING
FOREVER.



PROMISE
ME
THIS...

NA-
NACHI...

I
UNDER-
STAND.

...



DON'T
TAKE
YOUR
OWN
LIFE.

EVEN
IF MITTY
ISN'T
AROUND
ANY-
MORE...



PLEASE
...

AN
OPPOR-
TUNITY
LIKE
THIS...

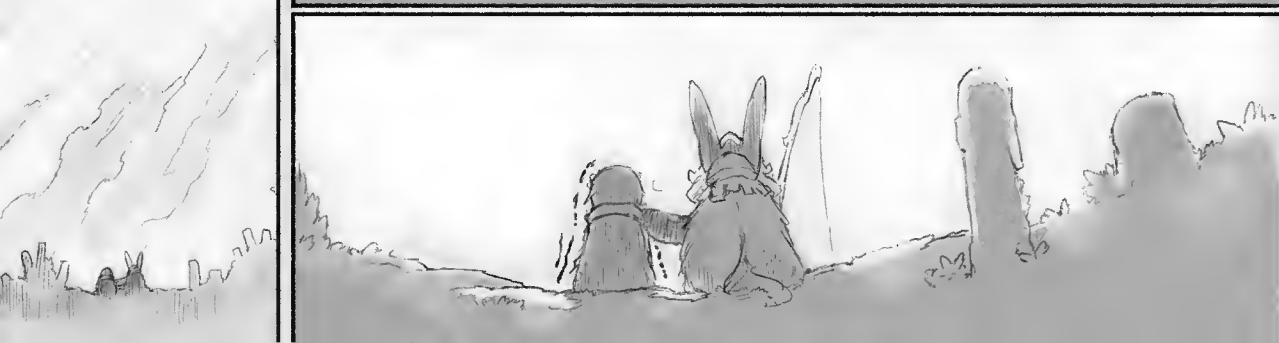
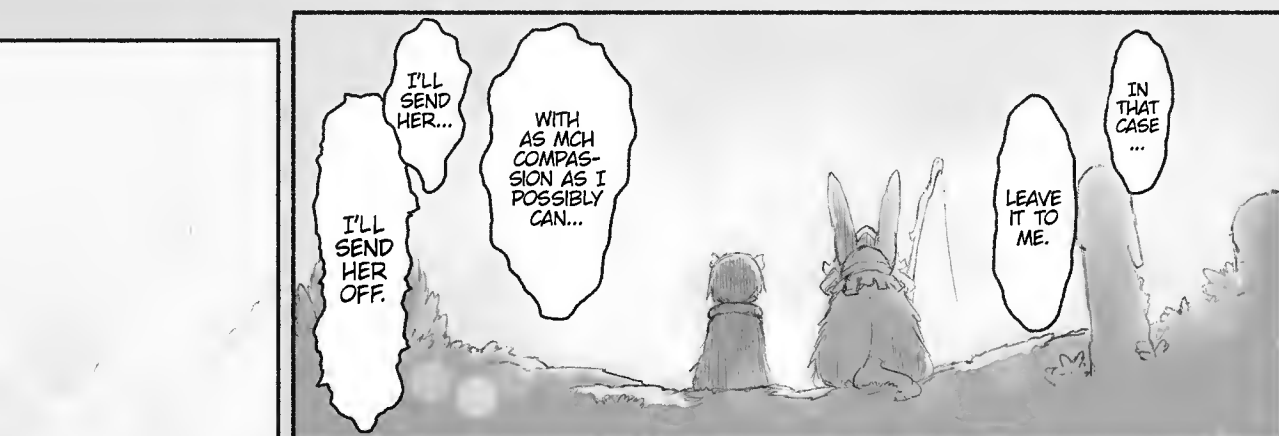
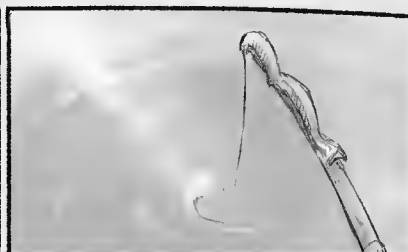
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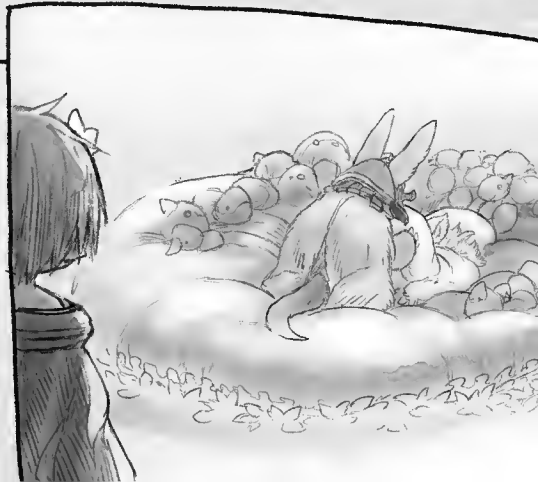
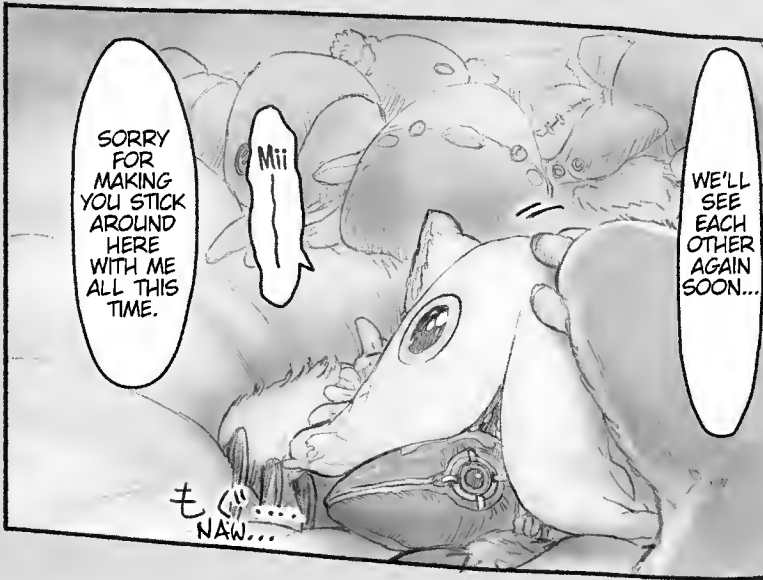
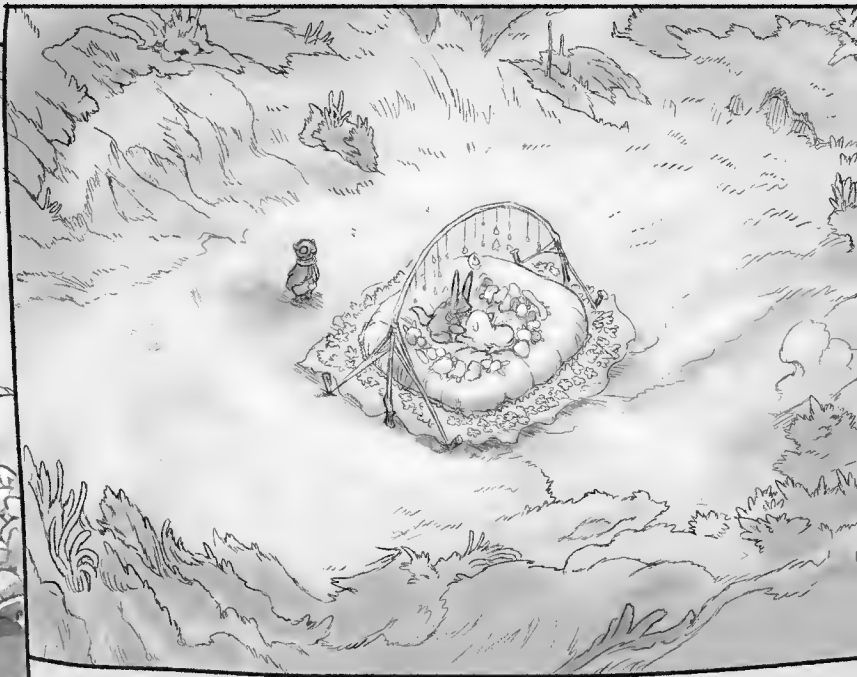


EVEN
AFTER
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DONE
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GOTTA
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PLEASE...

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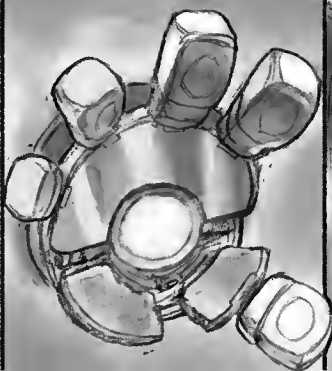
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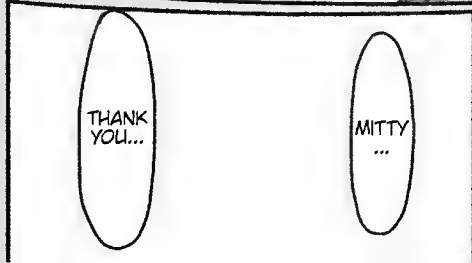
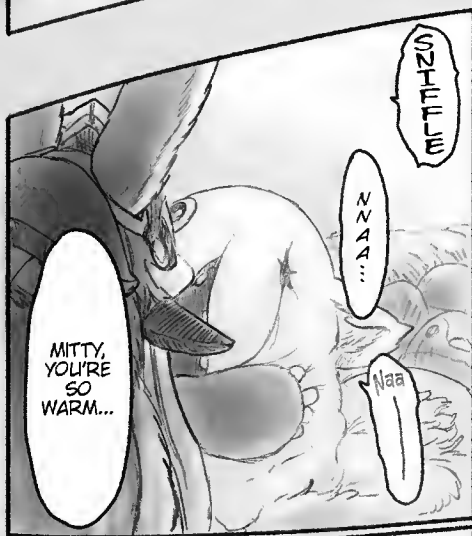
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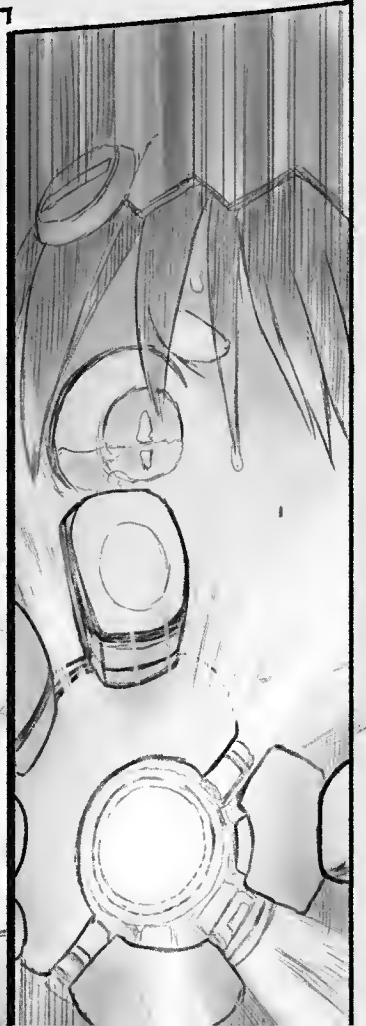


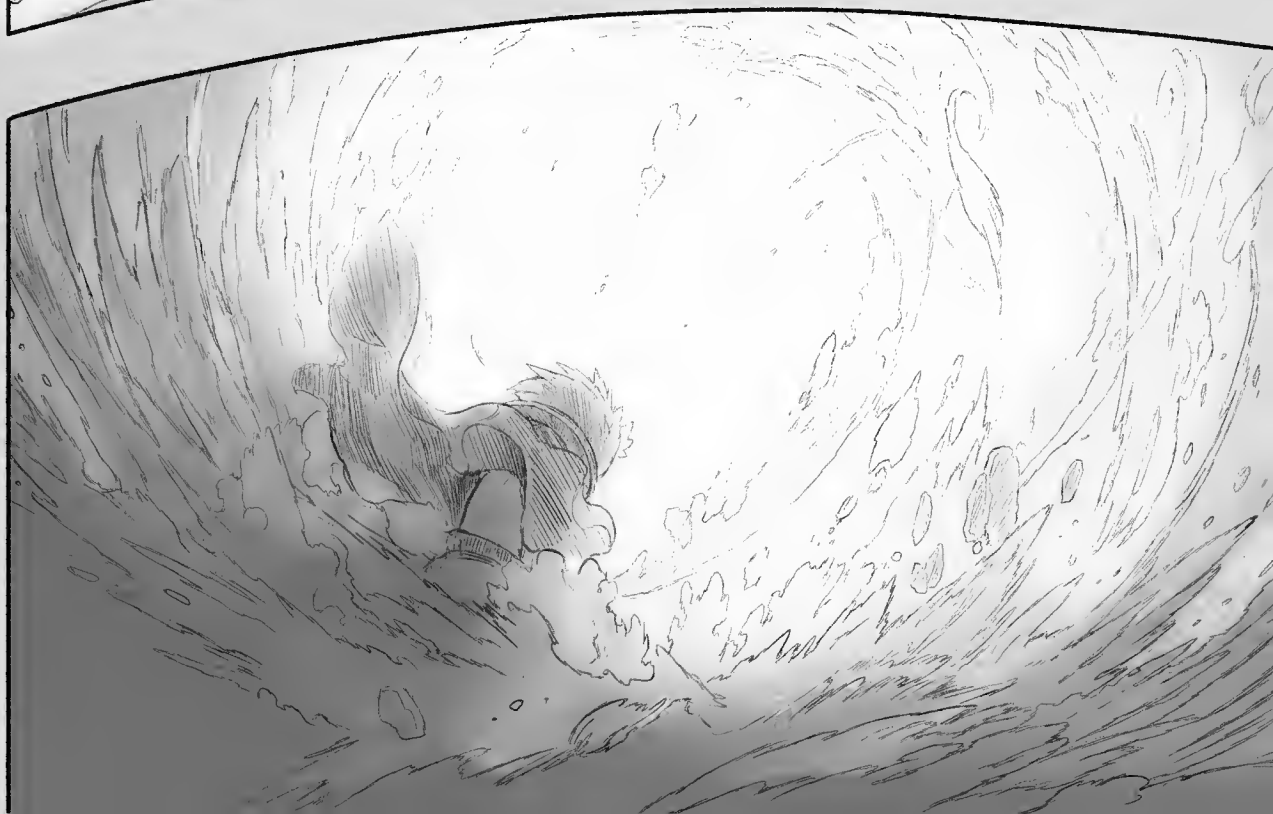
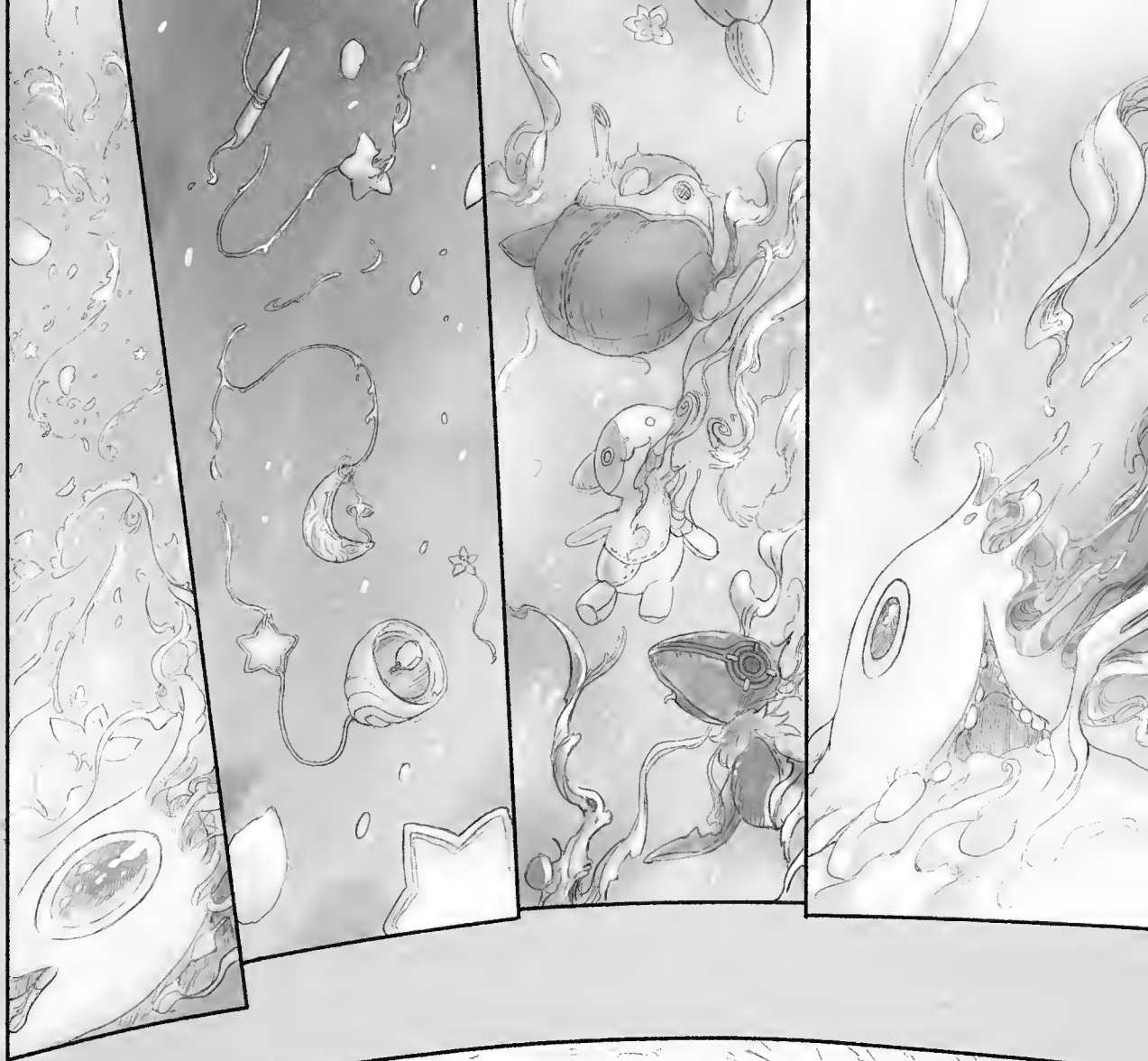
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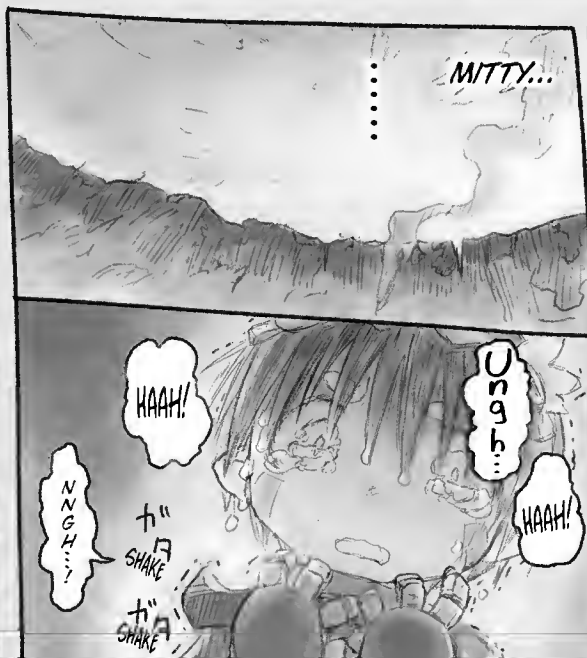
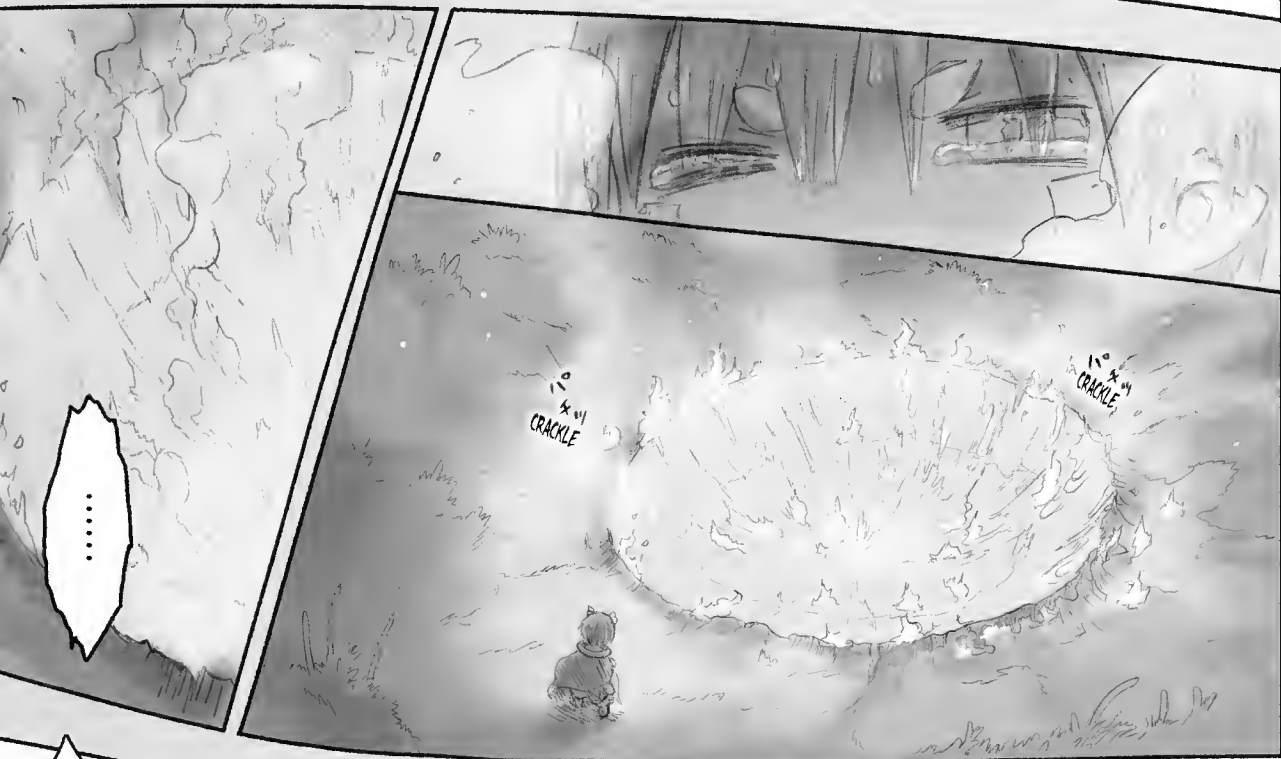
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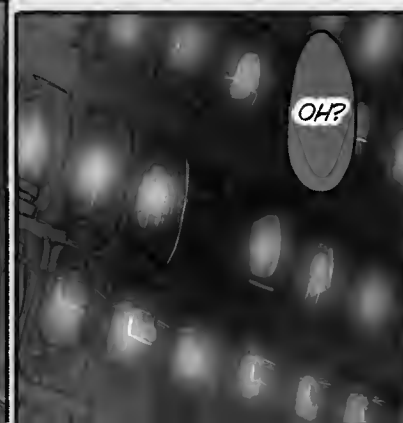
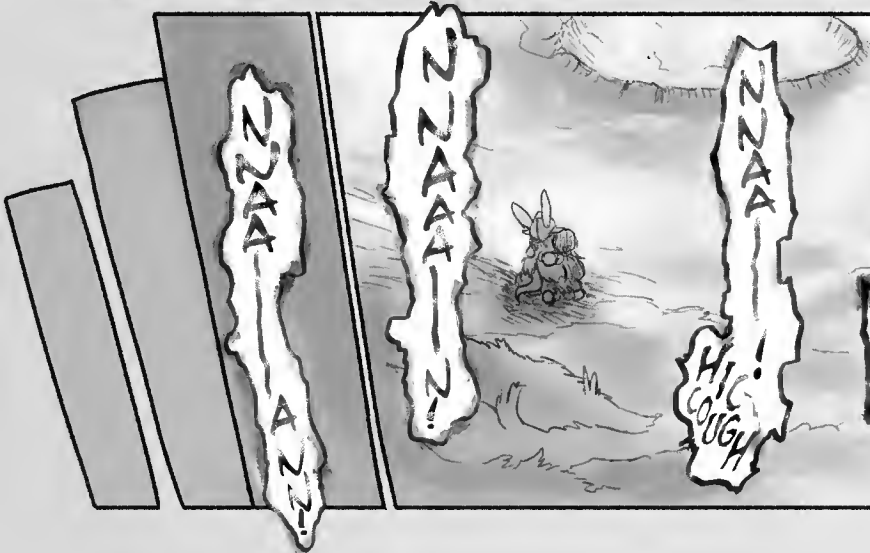
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I WOULD
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EXPRESS
THE EXTENT
OF MY
GRATITUDE
TO YOU.

YOU'VE
FINALLY
MANAGED
TO DO IT.

CON-
GRATULA-
TIONS,
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CHI...

LIKE
TO
SEE
YOU
AGAIN.

I
WOULD
VERY
MUCH...

TO BE CONTINUED...

6

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 2)

• 1 DEMONFISH (LARGE)

Choose one that displays clear color differentiation between its back and belly.



• 1 GIANT HAMMERBEAK EGG



A freshly-laid one is best.

• YELLOW-SHINING GRASS (A.K.A SHAYOUKUBE)



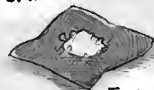
1 BUNCH

• 1 GINTOKO



(A KIND OF MUSHROOM)

• SALT



To taste.

• WATER



An amount equal in weight to the demonfish.

LET'S MAKE NETHERWORLD STEW

1

• Place the demonfish, whole, into a pot and mash it with a masher.



SMUSH.

2

The water should be equal in weight to the demonfish.



• Add the water and place the pot over a flame.

COOK WITH LOW HEAT TO BRING OUT THE DISH'S SLIMNESS

IF YOU LET IT BOIL OVER, THE MEAT'LL GET TOO TOUGH

4



• Mash the grass thoroughly so that it becomes really sticky.
• Remove from heat, add in the grass, and mix well!

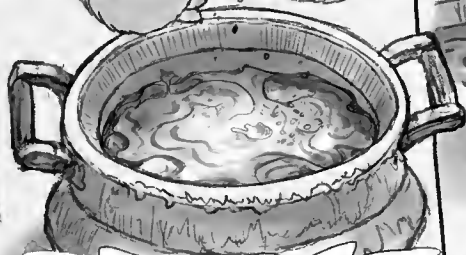


IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE SOME KINDA SECRETION...

IF YOU JUST LEAVE IT ON THE HEAT, IT'LL FOAM UP AND BOIL OVER

Break apart the gintoko and sprinkle it into the mix. Add salt as a finishing touch.

5



ALL DONE!

• Crack the egg and add it to the pot.
• Keep the flame low.

3



✱ Crack the egg near the surface of the stew, or else some will splash out.

AFTER EATING IT THREE TIMES OR SO, YOU'LL BE HOOKED ON IT...

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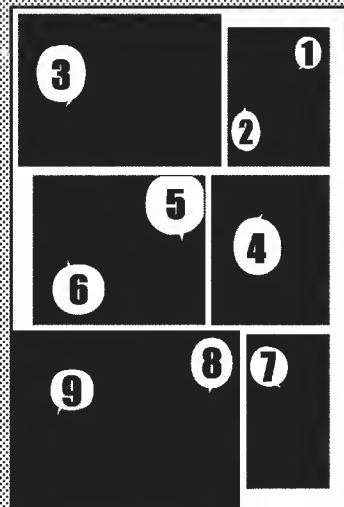
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